

When a child is not able to safely remain at home with their parents, or adopted, a family or like-family member who is willing and able to provide care for the child, is the next best alternative. This allows the child to live with people they already know and trust, providing stability and a sense of hope for the child. Thank you for opening your heart and home.

GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Contact information

Accepts 5 lines of contact information

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GAP

A new benefit program for family and like-family members providing long-term care for children in Florida's child welfare system.



WALK ME THROUGH IT

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Placement

Court-approved care

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Licensure

Foster care parent

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Six months

Foster care payments

4

Closure

Permanent Guardianship



**TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING THE GUARDIANSHIP
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, PLEASE
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY-
BASED CARE LEAD AGENCY.**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

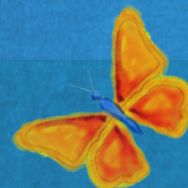
- Court approved the child's placement with the caregiver
- Caregiver is a licensed foster parent
- Caregiver received 6 or more consecutive months of foster care payments
- Court closed case in permanent guardianship custody

BENEFITS AVAILABLE



- Financial support for the child
- Medicaid until the child reaches 18 years of age
- Assistance obtaining legal guardianship of the child
- College tuition exemption voucher
- Community supports for caregivers and child

EXTENSION OF GAP



- In some circumstances, the family may be eligible to receive benefits until the child turns 21 years of age
- Child/young adult participants in qualifying activities