

KINSHIP CARE MYTHS

- ❖ An emergency caretaker placement with kin takes a long time to approve.
- ❖ The child has been in traditional foster care for 8 months and is bonded with the foster parents; therefore, moving them to a family or friend should not be considered.
- ❖ Agency regulations prohibit a Judge from ordering placement with kin in certain situations.
- ❖ The child welfare agency places children.
- ❖ The Agency does thorough family finding on all cases.
- ❖ The Court is always made aware of family and friends approved and **not approved** by the agency.
- ❖ The only way Kin can be involved is by taking the child into their home.
- ❖ It is too soon at the Emergency Custody Order request for the Court to be asking about kin.
- ❖ The Grandmother has had previous involvement in the child welfare system for mental health issues; therefore, should not be considered.
- ❖ The Uncle has a simple assault charge from 2004, resulting from an altercation with his wife's ex-boyfriend; therefore, he should not be considered.
- ❖ If the kin wanted to be involved they would have come forward.

