

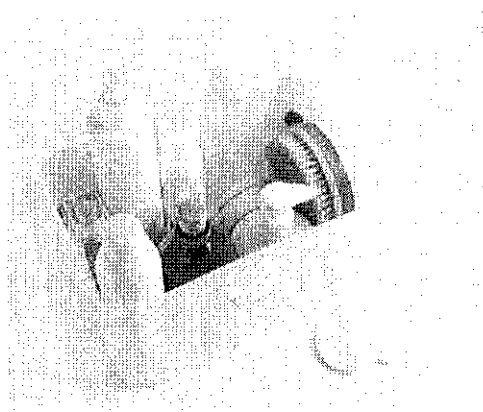
RICHLAND COUNTY YOUTH AND FAMILY COUNCIL

KINSHIP CARE CLOSET

YOUTH 0-21
RESOURCES

Keeping family together in Richland County.

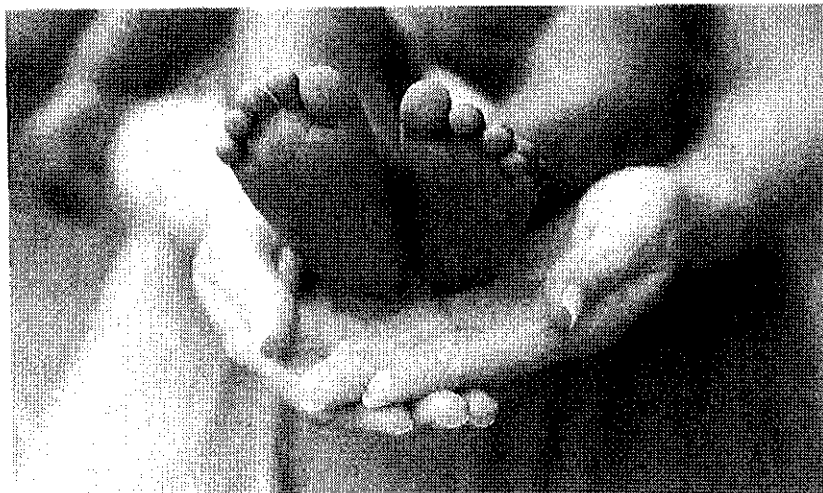
The Richland County Youth and Family Council Kinship Care Closet can help provide emergent and ongoing basic living necessities.



**A Richland County Agency referral is needed for this resource. **

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Referral form
Richland County Youth and Family Council
Kinship Care Closet

Referral Source:	Kinship Provider:
Date:	Youth name:
School district:	Items needed:

I, _____ give permission for _____ to share the above information with Richland County Youth and Family Council to receive support from the Kinship Care Closet. Referrals must be sent from a Richland County agency; no self-referrals will be accepted. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Kinship provider signature: _____

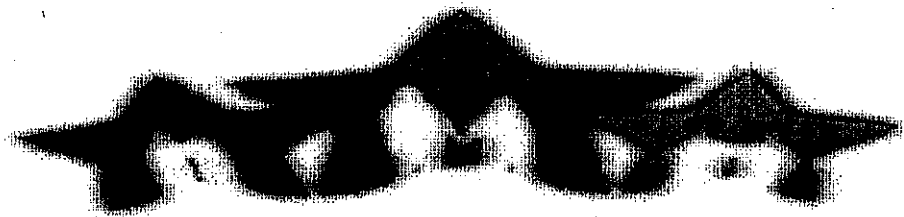
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Richland County Youth and Family Council Kinship Care Closet

The Richland County Youth and Family Council Kinship Care Closet will be used to support Richland County Kinship providers in an effort to help eliminate any barriers involved with the transition of a youth from one placement to another. The intent with the RCYFC Kinship Care Closet is to create and/or maintain a safe household for youth 0-21. This is emergent and ongoing support that is available to Richland County youth provided by Richland County Youth and Family Council.

Some of the Items offered in the Kinship Care Closet (this list is not exhaustive and some other items can be purchased as needed):

Diapers
Wipes
Nightlights
Sheets/bedding (all sizes toddler-twin)
Diaper rash cream
Shampoo
Conditioner
Lotion
Toothpaste/Toothbrush
Towels
Hair care/brushes
Lice care products
Washcloths
Bibs
Bottle/accessories
Outlet plugs
Safety latches
Clothing 0-21
Sippy cups
Toddler utensils
Thermometers
Travel Changing pads
Carseats
Highchairs
Safety gates
Comfort items
Books
Puzzles
Pack and Plays

Making the choice to be a kinship provider is only the beginning. Bringing a child in to your home can be costly. The Kinship Care closet is designed to help eliminate some of the financial stress so the transition can run more smoothly, and the child can stay with his/her family. While different children require different items, there are a few must have items before a child can safely be in the home.

Bedding: The Care closet has a variety of bedding items. Pack and plays, sheets, blankets, waterproof pads, etc.

Personal hygiene items: The Care Closet has the basics on hand. Having the correct personal care items age appropriate for each child can make all the difference when it comes to feeling comfortable in their new home.

Comfort items/transition items: A brand-new comfort item can help ease the transition from a prior placement to a new home. A comfortable blanket can make all the difference. Children of all ages may enjoy a new stuffed animal. Easy to carry bags will also make the transition a little easier. Books/puzzles are available.

Clothes: The Care Closet offers a variety of clothing in different sizes.

Besides having a comfortable place to sleep, the most important things are that the child receives the patience and loving care needed for a happy and healthy childhood. The Richland County Youth and Family Council Kinship Care Closet is designed to help have items prepared ahead of time to help ease the transition and to also be a support for emergent, as needed situations when they arise.

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