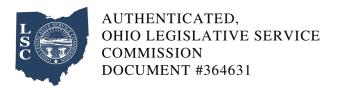


Ohio Revised Code Section 5180.4213

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- (A) The director of children and youth shall implement 42 U.S.C. 673(d) to provide kinship guardianship assistance under Title IV-E on behalf of a child to a relative who meets the following requirements:
- (1) The relative has cared for the eligible child pursuant to division (B) of this section as a foster caregiver as defined by section 5103.02 of the Revised Code for at least six consecutive months.
- (2) Both of the following apply:
- (a) A juvenile court issued an order granting legal custody of the child to the relative, or a probate court issued an order granting guardianship of the child to the relative, and the order is not a temporary court order.
- (b) The relative has committed to care for the child on a permanent basis.
- (3) The relative signs a kinship guardianship assistance agreement required by 42 U.S.C. 673.
- (B) A child is an eligible child for kinship guardianship assistance under this section if the following are met:
- (1) The child has been removed from his or her home pursuant to a voluntary placement agreement or as a result of a judicial determination to the effect that continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child.
- (2) The child has been eligible for foster care maintenance payments under section 5180.42 of the Revised Code while residing for at least six consecutive months in the home of a relative described in division (A) of this section.



- (3) Returning the child home or adoption of the child are not appropriate permanency options for the child.
- (4) The child demonstrates a strong attachment to the child's relative described in division (A) of this section and the relative has a strong commitment to caring permanently for the child.
- (5) With respect to a child who has attained fourteen years of age, the child has been consulted regarding the kinship guardianship arrangement.