

## Dear 2INgage Kinship/Relative Family

I want to take a moment to welcome you! We are so excited to have the opportunity to work with you to provide a safe and loving environment for the child and or children that you have a personal connection with. We are honored to be a part of this process.

As a kindship/relative home you are eligible to receive a daily rate to help offset the cost of caring for a child in your home. This daily rate is available for approximately one year from the date you begin providing care. I wanted to be sure that you knew that Kinship/Relative families in the great State of Texas have the opportunity to be verified as foster parents to care for the children that have been placed into your home. The daily rate for foster care is approximately double the amount that you might be receiving as a Kinship/Relative caregiver, which allows you even more opportunities to do fantastic things for these children.

The requirements to be a verified foster parent are that you be at least twenty-one (21) years old, be able to pass a background check, have the ability to meet your own financial needs, and have a safe home. There are training and documentation requirements, but we are here to help you along the way.

If you would like to know more about becoming a verified foster parent, please let your kinship worker know as you have many options of providers to work with. You can find information regarding all available Child Placing Agency Providers at <a href="https://www.weneedmorefosterparents.com">www.weneedmorefosterparents.com</a>

Your kinship worker will be happy to help you if you have questions about being a verified foster parent and can help to make those connections.

Thank you for everything you are doing for these children. I appreciate you more than words can express. Your love and care for these children is making a difference. Texas needs more families like you!

Sincerely.

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