



Kinship Navigator

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) received a grant from the [New York State Kinship Navigator](#) program to evaluate multiple interventions for kinship caregivers (e.g., grandparent, relative, or fictive kin caregivers).

Both interventions focused on fostering family stability, safety, well-being, and permanency for youth in kinship care. One intervention provided case management and referral services through a warmline. The other provided local case management and peer-to-peer support group services.

EVALUATION & RESEARCH

The study performed by CHSR included a formative evaluation, which will examine program operations, data collection capacity, and options for drawing a comparison group. A process evaluation was then conducted to determine the extent to which services are being delivered as designed, and to develop knowledge about implementation that can foster future replication. The process evaluation assessed if and how the interventions changed child welfare practice; how various kinship stakeholders collaborate; and factors that facilitated or impeded successful implementation. Finally, an outcome evaluation was conducted to assess program impacts on key child and caregiver outcomes, including child well-being, caregiver well-being, family stress, and child permanency.