

Kinship Care in New York State

Kinship Children

320,000 children
in kinship care in NYS

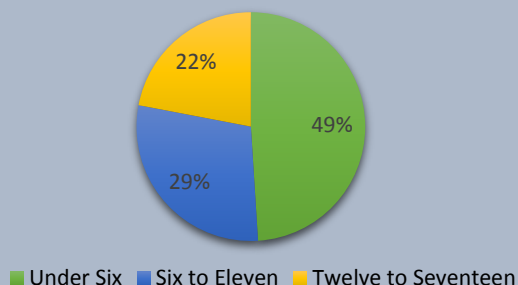
1 in 11 of all children will live in a kinship home at some point in their lifetime



1 in 5 black children live in a kinship home

80% had Child Welfare involvement prior to entering their informal kinship home¹

Age of Children in Care



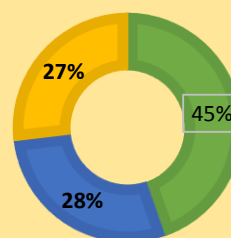
Kinship Caregivers

200,000+ kinship households
52% NYC, 48% Rest of State

65% of kinship caregivers are grandparents

Racial Makeup

■ Caucasian ■ African American ■ Hispanic



56 years old is the average age

36% of households have income of less than \$20k per year²

Only 15% of eligible caregivers receive available financial assistance

In 2015, 8,771 children were newly admitted into foster care

Only 15.6% were placed with relatives in certified Kinship Foster Homes (1,376 children)

- 1,025 of these children were in NYC
- 351 of these children were in Rest of State

2,172 children were placed by Child Welfare Departments with relatives in “Direct Custody” placements without the support of the foster care system

¹ In a case record study done by the Center for Human Services Research of (N=455) children in 5 demonstration counties in Upstate NY

² In a survey of (N=282) caregivers conducted by the Center for Human Services Research in 5 demonstration counties in Upstate NY