

SELF-STUDY COURSE

KINSHIP FOSTER CARE:
WORKING WITH THE BIRTH PARENT

Dr. Joseph Crumbley, DSW

This self-study course for 2.5 credit hours is based on the following sources:

- DVD Dr. Crumbley's presentation at the 2005 Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference in April 2005, 1 hour, 18 minutes
- Post test

The questionnaire/post test on page two of this course is a way to check your understanding and a means for your Family Resource Specialist to assess that you have processed and understood the majority of the information provided. In order to obtain credit for this course, please review the DVD (available online) and give your completed questionnaire/post test (available online or directly from your FRS) to your Family Resource Specialist at your Child and Family Services office. Your FRS will Score the post test and may credit your training record with 2.5 hours.

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Thank you to our valuable resource parents who are dedicated to the care and protection of children!

Post test for Kinship Foster Care: Working With the Birth Parent, Self-Study Course

2.5 hours

**Questions for the Resource Parent Training Module
Kinship Foster Care: Working with the Birth Parent**

Provide the appropriate answer to the following questions. First try to answer from your understanding of the material before referring back to the DVD.

1. Dr. Crumbley describes several ways in which providing kinship care is different than non-relative foster care placements. List at least four examples of the unique challenges of providing kinship care.
2. What relative usually provides kinship care?
3. When a child's position within the family is shifted, what changes within the family?
4. As an example of pre-existing family relationships undergoing change, Dr. Crumbley describes and diagrams children that had a pre-existing relationship as cousins being placed into the same home. Once placed, the cousins would be expected to start relating to each other as?
5. In the video excerpt, Dr. Crumbley asks the panel of kinship providers "what did the children need?" from their parents after having been placed into kinship care. List at least two of these needs.
6. In the video excerpt, Dr. Crumbley asks the panel how they established authority in their homes. What did the kinship providers indicate was helpful from the birth parents toward establishing authority?

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7. Dr. Crumbley discusses several issues that are common for birth parents to face as a result of having their children in kinship care. List at least three of these.
 8. In describing how trust issues of the birth parent(s) are played out with the kinship provider, Dr. Crumbley mentions several fundamental questions that birth parents are struggling with. List at least three of these.
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9. What is the final difference between non-relative foster care and kinship care that Dr. Crumbley believes is important to developing trust with birth parents?
 10. Dr. Crumbley lists several expectations that kinship providers may have of birth parents. List at least three of these.
 11. List at least four of the guidelines of co-parenting.