

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing this letter in support of increasing support for community-based services for Kinship Caregivers.

I have been providing foster care for my three grandchildren for 3 years and began with a county. My experience with workers from the county was not engaging, as there was infrequent contact from the workers regarding my grandchildren.

My personal opinion is that the workers were there to fulfill their job as opposed to genuinely caring about how I was doing with the children. Meanwhile, my experience with my community based foster care organization has been excellent and there is no reason to change the process. For example, my worker is in constant contact with me to make sure I am receiving the necessary services, they are consistent in meeting with the children and they look forward to meeting with their worker. I am impressed and pleased with the level of professionalism from my community based foster care organization. They definitely meet the needs of the children, which should be the major focus of the program, they also recommend classes to strengthen my role as a foster parent, and I attend all of the classes.

Regards

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