

KITH & KIN PROGRAM



PARTNER PACKET



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The Kith & Kin Program is a **12-week class** that provides training and support to family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) caregivers. **FFN caregivers are aunts, uncles, grandparents, siblings, friends, and neighbors** that provide care to **four or less children** in their home.

Each **2-hour class** (provided in-person or virtually) is designed to **improve the quality of care** provided to children and increase FFN caregivers' knowledge about early childhood.

Each **weekly session** focuses on a specific topic and includes information sharing, discussion, skill building, and activities. Groups are held in a supportive format where participants learn from their instructor, as well as each other.

7 Core Topics:

- Ages & Stages: Developmental Milestones of Young Children
- Brain Development
- Daily Schedules & Arranging the Environment
- Language & Literacy
- Nutrition
- Parent & Caregiver Relationships
- Positive Guidance & Discipline

Language & Literacy Technical Assistance Project (LLTAP):

- Available in some regions, LLTAP is designed to enhance the home environment for optimal language acquisition and literacy skill building.
- Each FFN caregiver receives in-home visits and financial support to create reading and writing corners.

Recent national and local research has shown that:

- FFN providers, particularly in low-income communities, care for more than 50% of the children with working parents.
- Many Hispanic, African American, Native American, recently arrived refugees, and others prefer this form of care due to cultural and language considerations.





In addition, participants can also receive training in several Injury Prevention trainings including:

- CPR & First Aid
- Home & Environment Safety
- Crib Safety/Safe Sleep
- Child Passenger Safety

As participants complete each Injury Prevention training, specific safety materials including car seats, home fire extinguishers, outlet covers, cribs, and first aid kits are made available.

What does Candelen provide?

At no cost to your organization, Candelen will provide:

- Staff
- On-site child care and transportation for those participants in need
- All program and child care materials
- Incentives and door prizes to participants of the classes
- Light refreshments for adults and children

What does a partner organization provide?

Candelen seeks partner organizations that can provide a community room/space where the program can be held for adults, as well as a useable space for our team to provide on-site child care. We appreciate the support of partner organizations to inform their clients and community members of the availability of the upcoming Kith & Kin class and to encourage registration.





@andelen developed the Kith & Kin Program in March 1999 and has implemented it in a number of regions (urban, rural and tribal) in Arizona.



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