

# research in practice

## Assessing and supporting family and friends care

Many children are cared for by extended families and friends, through formal or informal arrangements. Achieving stability in kinship care requires a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities that the children, young people, adults and families involved face.

This selection of learning resources about family and friends care can be used to support evidence-informed practice with children, young people and families.



### Read

Short read: [Using family group conferences to enable family led decision-making in child welfare: Blog \(2023\)](#)

Short read: [Supporting effective participation with children and young people \(2023\)](#)

Long read: [Brothers and sisters in public law proceedings - assessment, placement, permanence and contact: Frontline Briefing \(2020\)](#)

Long read: [Care planning for children in proceedings: Frontline Briefing \(2022\)](#)



### Tools

[Understanding, exploring and supporting children's identity development: Practice Tool \(2023\)](#)

[Assessing and supporting family and friends care: Practice Tool \(2020\)](#)

[Using genograms in practice: Practice Tool \(2024\)](#)

[Staying in touch: Contact after adoption: Resource hub \(2024\)](#)



### Listen

30 minutes: [A parent's experience of court and pre-proceedings \(2022\)](#)



### Watch

[Using Family Group Conferences to enable family-led decision-making: Video learning resources \(2024\)](#)

1 hour: [What matters to children in care and care leavers' well-being: learning from the Bright Spots programme: Webinar \(2022\)](#)



### Reflect

Reflect on and record your CPD using the button on each resource page. You can also bookmark and share resources with colleagues. Log and review your reflections in '[Your CPD](#)'.

For more resources, explore the topic page for [placement, permanence and working with birth families](#).