

ACF-ACYF-CB FY12 – ABSTRACTS**Grant Number:** 90CF0047**Target Population:** This demonstration project will be undertaken in 16 counties across California and is expected to serve a minimum of 13,000 formal and informal kinship caregivers.**Fiscal Year:** 2012**Family Connection Grants: Child Welfare/TANF Collaboration in Kinship Navigation Programs (HHS-2012-ACF-ACYF-CF-510)****GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

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OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:

Amount of Award: \$ 750,000

Program Name: United Way, 211, iFoster Kinship Navigator Collaborative

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: CA

ABSTRACT:

Organization Description: The United Ways of California, 211 California, and iFoster are partnering to develop a one-stop, comprehensive resource portal of all available services and resources for foster children/youth and kinship caregivers. By combining the assessment, information and referral capabilities of California's 211 network, iFoster's national online community for foster and kinship care, and local community collaborative partners, this project will evaluate the effectiveness, equity and efficiency of a highly scalable and replicable technology solution for providing needed services to kinship caregivers.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds: The 211-iFoster Kinship Navigator Collaborative model integrates the most comprehensive resource portal for kinship care in California with existing county networks of child welfare service providers to create an integrated referral and coordinated service delivery solution for kinship caregivers. Resources and services aggregated in the resource portal will be focused on the needs of kinship families and address the areas of cost of living, legal services, digital divide and communications, academic supports, health and well-being, and career supports for youth. This model will: 1) address the lack of awareness and information by kinship caregivers about existing social service resources in their community; 2) reduce the complexity of navigating different social service and community systems and providers; 3) provide kinship caregiver referral and usage data to county collaboratives to inform service delivery and coordination activities; and 4) augment limited social service resources with private sector resources.

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