

	Federal Kin-GAP	State Kin-GAP	AAP	AFDC-FC
Non-Related Legal Guardianship: Federally eligible youth exits foster care to guardianship with a non-relative (any age)	Eligible for federal Kin-GAP until age 18**	Not eligible	Not eligible	Eligible for AFDC-FC from age 18 – 21 (transfers from fed Kin-GAP to state AFDC-FC at age 18)**
Non-Related Legal Guardianship: Non-federally eligible youth exits foster care to guardianship with non-relative (any age)	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Youth eligible for AFDC-FC until age 21
Relative Guardianship: Youth exits foster care to guardianship with a relative and negotiated payments begin BEFORE age 16	Youth eligible for federal or state Kin-GAP (linked to youth's IV-E status while in foster care) until age 18. EXCEPTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible until 21 IF youth has mental/physical disability • Eligible until 19 OR graduation for high school (whichever comes first) IF youth is expected to graduate by age 19 		Not eligible	Not eligible
Relative Guardianship: Youth exits foster care to guardianship with a relative and negotiated payments begin AFTER age 16	Youth eligible for federal or state Kin-GAP (linked to youth's federal eligibility status while in foster care) until age 21.		Not eligible	Not eligible
Adoption: Youth exits foster care to adoption with a relative OR non-relative and AAP Agreement signed BEFORE age 16	Not eligible	Not eligible	Youth eligible for AAP until age 18. EXCEPTION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible until 21 IF youth has mental/physical disability 	Not eligible
Adoption: Youth exits foster care to adoption with a relative OR non-relative and AAP Agreement signed AFTER age 16	Not eligible	Not eligible	Youth eligible for AAP until 21	Not eligible

** IF the non-relative is NOT a NREFM, adult member of the child's tribe or former foster parent, the youth would go straight to guardianship supported with AFDC-FC and continue to be eligible for AFDC-FC until age 21 (the youth would not start in the federal Kin-GAP program and then transfer to AFDC-FC at age 18).

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