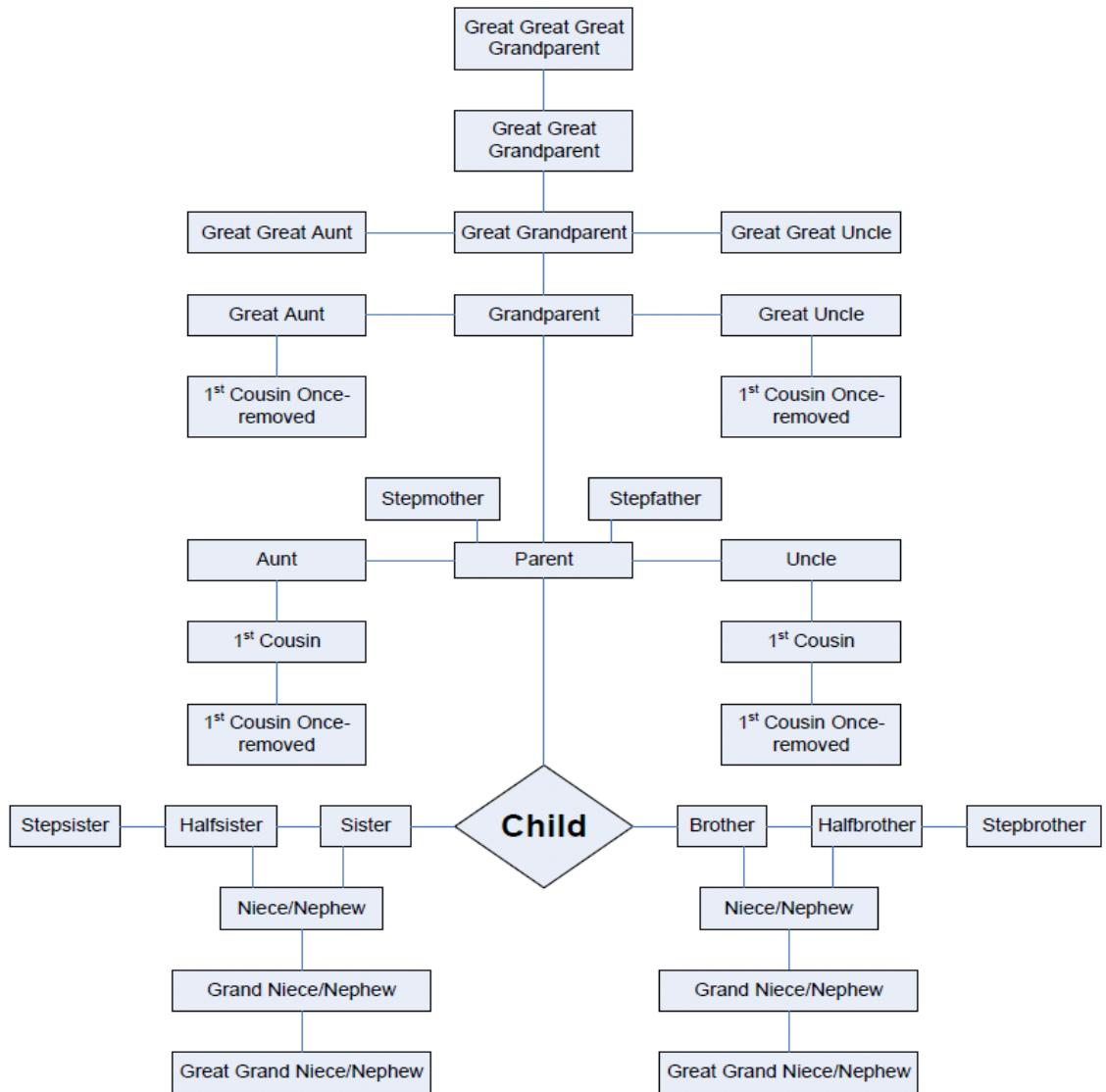


Notice to Relatives

FEDERAL [42 U.S.C. 671(a)]	STATE [W&I 309, 319, 361.3 and 628; CDSS, ACL No. 09-86, California Rules of Court 5.695(f)(g)]
<p>According to the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 [PL 110-351, Section 103], within 30 days after the removal of a child from the custody of the parent or parents of the child, the State shall exercise due diligence to identify and provide notice to all adult grandparents and other adult relatives of the child (including any other adult relatives suggested by the parents) subject to exceptions due to family or domestic violence.</p> <p>Contents of Notice [ACYF-CB-PI-10-11]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. specifies child has been or is being removed from parents; B. explains options for relatives under Federal, State and local law to participate in care and placement, including options that may be lost by failing to respond to the notice; C. describes requirements to become a foster family home and additional services and support available for children placed in their home; and D. describes how relative guardian may obtain kinship guardian assistance. <p>Relative Definition Updated</p> <p>Preventing Sex trafficking and Strengthening Families Act: P.L. 113-183</p> <p>“Relative” Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All parents of a sibling of the child, where such parent has legal custody of such sibling; ▪ Person would have been considered a sibling but for the termination or other disruption of parental rights. 	<p>If the child is removed or is at risk of entering foster care the social worker or probation officer shall, within 30 days, use due diligence to investigate, identify and locate all grandparents, adult siblings, and other adult relatives of the child, including any other adult relatives suggested by the parents (subject to family or domestic violence history exception).</p> <p>Adult Relative: any adult who is related to the child by blood, adoption or affinity within the fifth degree of kinship, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent ▪ Sibling ▪ Grandparent ▪ Aunt, uncle ▪ Nephew, niece ▪ Great-grandparent ▪ Great-aunt or uncle (grandparents’ sibling) ▪ 1st cousin; 1st cousin once removed (parents’ 1st cousin) ▪ Great-great-grandparent ▪ Great-great-aunt or uncle (great-grandparents’ sibling) ▪ Great-great-great-grandparent ▪ stepparents; stepsiblings ▪ Spouse or domestic partner of any of above, even if terminated by death or dissolution ▪ Extended family member as defined by law or custom of an Indian child’s tribe [25 U.S.C.§1903(2)] ▪ Other adult relatives suggested by the parents. <p>Due Diligence: In making a determination of due diligence, the court may consider whether the social worker has done items such as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ask child in age-appropriate manner about relatives ▪ Obtain location information of adult relatives ▪ Review case file ▪ Telephone, e-mail or visit relatives ▪ Ask located relatives for info. and locations of other relatives ▪ Employ internet search tools ▪ Use family relationship diagram tools such as genograms, family trees or family maps



3.8 Foster Care Caretaker Relative Documentation Chart



Note:

All persons listed on this chart are shown in their relationship to the AFDC-FC child.