



Rethinking the Power of Family Involvement

- Youth who spent more time placed with family had higher legal permanency achievement rates, and the percent of youth who achieved legal permanency went up.
- Those youth placed with family were significantly more likely to achieve legal permanency through reunification and guardianship, whereas those who spent no time with family while in care were more likely to be adopted by non-relative adoptive placements.
- Youth who spent more than half of their time with family while in out-of-home care exited to legal permanency significantly faster than youth who spent 50% or less of their time in care with family.

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- Children living with family members are more likely to be placed with their siblings.
- Children living with family members experience better development and social functioning.
- Children living with family members are less likely to change schools.

Epstein, H.R. (2017). Kinship Care is Better for Children and Families. *Child Law Practice*. 36(4).

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- When children are living with family members, their biological parents are more likely to have regular and more frequent visits.

Hong, J. S., et. al. (2011) An Ecological Understanding of Kinship Foster Care in the United States. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*. 20. pg. 863-872.

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- Children living with family experience better physical and mental health throughout life.

Murray, E., et. al. (2020). Non-Parental Care in Childhood and Health Up to 30 Years Later: ONS Longitudinal Study 1971-2011. *European Journal of Public Health*. 30(6). pg. 1121-1127. <https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckaa113>

- Children living with family experience less crisis moments and critical incident reports.

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- Children living with family are less likely to need mental health services and psychotropic medication.

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- Children living with family members are more likely to be comfortable with a family placement option being their permanent home.

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