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## Kin-GAP Eligibility for Families That Are Resource Family Approved

Any family that was approved after January 1, 2017 via the RFA process is considered an RFA family.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) states that if a [caregiver/prospective Kin-GAP legal guardian](#) is approved pursuant to the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process, they must have the child placed in their home for at least **six (6) consecutive months after** approval before a child can qualify for Kin-GAP funding. If the child was in the home prior to the caregiver completing the RFA process, according to CDSS, that time does not count toward the six (6) consecutive month requirement.

Before recommending termination of court jurisdiction, the child must reside in the home of the prospective legal guardian for at least six consecutive months after the family was RFA approved. If the Court orders jurisdiction to be terminated with Legal Guardianship/Kin-GAP before the six months of post approval placement, the caregiver will *not qualify* for Kin-GAP funding.

**Note:** In order for *non-related* prospective legal guardian to qualify for Kin-GAP funding, the case must be determined as federally eligible. A *non-federally* eligible child living with a non-related caregiver receives non-federal AFDC-FC payments even after legal guardianship is established and/or jurisdiction is terminated by court; however, the case must remain open for funding purposes. The child does not need to have resided with the non-related caregiver for 6-months post RFA approval for this option.

If the child was in an ASFA approved home and then the family is converted to be an RFA family, the 6-month requirement started at the time the ASFA was approved and does not start over with conversion. If the family has an approved ASFA assessment, Kin-GAP can be recommended even if the home has not been converted to RFA.

CSWs and SCSWs should verify the date the family was approved by reviewing the Resource Family Approval (RFA) Certificate. If the CSW does not have the certificate, the CSW can contact the Caregiver Monitor and Support (CMS) CSW. See [attached document](#) to help identify the RFA CSW on CWS/CMS.

For questions about Kin-GAP funding, please send an email to [Kin-GAP@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:Kin-GAP@dcfs.lacounty.gov).

Reference: [ACL 11-15](#); [ACL 14-28](#)



If you have any questions regarding this release please e-mail your question to:

[policy@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:policy@dcfs.lacounty.gov).

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## How to Find the Resource Family CSW in CWS/CMS

Open Resource Management, click the Red button and then click on the first house:



In the "Facility Type" drop down menu, select "Resource Family Home" and enter either the family name or the RFA number and click OK:

Once the family comes up, click OK:

Local	End Date	County	Facility Type	Facility Name
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Los Angeles	Resource Family Home	John and Jane Doe

To find the RFA (Resource Family Approval), CMS (Caregiver Monitoring and Support), or MMS (Matching Monitoring and Support) CSW, go to the "License Info" tab. The name shown for "Licensing Worker" is the RFA, CMS or MMS CSW: