

Research Participants Needed

Are you or have you ever been an Uncle Kinship Foster Care Parent, you may be eligible to participate in a research study?

Hello, my name is David H. Tikkanen, and I am looking for possible research study participants. This study is part of the researcher's doctoral education program. Participants will be required to sign a consent form to participate and take part in a video interview on Doxey.me. The video interview will be voice recorded only for transcription and analysis purposes. Privacy of participants will be protected, and all information will be kept confidential.

"Experiences of being an Uncle Kinship Foster Parent: A Generic Qualitative Inquiry."

The study's purpose is to learn about uncle kinship foster caregivers' experiences as they transition from relative to the surrogate parent and balance both roles in their family system.

Participation will include one initial phone call, and up to a 60-minute video interview. Participation in the study will require approximately 60 minutes of your time. The study will last one year.

Inclusion criteria for the study:

- Must have been 18 and 50 years of age or older when placement occurred.
- Must identify as the uncle to the child(ren) having or had kinship foster care placement.
- Must have or had formal placement of relative child(ren) from a state child welfare agency.
- Formal relative child placement includes non-reunification with the biological parent(s).
- Must have had at least 1 year of placement of children.

Exclusion criteria for the study:

- The placement of the child(ren) is or was due to the death of biological parent(s).
- The placement of the child(ren) is or was short-term, for transitional purposes only.

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Those participants who qualify and participate in the study will receive \$25.00.