Unlocking Foster Care Licensing for More Kinship Caregivers

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During the past 15 years, most states have been reducing barriers to foster home licensing for relatives and close family friends who open their homes to children who cannot stay with their parents. But not everyone who wants to qualify can, and many need more resources and services than child welfare agencies provide. A federal regulation change in 2023 has created new opportunities. This resource compiles State kinship care policies.

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