What Is Subsidized Guardianship?

- Subsidized Guardianship is a program that promotes permanency for children who are currently involved in the Arkansas foster care system.
- It is designed for children for whom reunification or adoption are NOT appropriate permanency options.
- A monthly subsidy payment to help defray some costs for caring for the child(ren) may be paid to the relative guardian (who has previously served as the child’s foster parent) provided the relative meets all eligibility criteria.

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When in the best interest of the children, siblings may be placed together.

Siblings may be related by biological, marital, or legal ties.

A child who meets the eligibility criteria for the guardianship subsidy will qualify his or her siblings for the program if being placed together is in each child’s best interest.

There is no required order in which the siblings shall be placed in the prospective relatives home.

The child has been removed from his or her home and placed in DHS custody per judicial order.

Adoption or reunification are NOT in the child’s best interest.

The child has resided for at least 6 consecutive months in the fully approved foster home of the prospective relative guardian.

The child presents a strong attachment to the prospective relative guardian.

The child is engaged in the process and, if age appropriate, must be consulted and consent to the guardianship.

The prospective relative guardian must meet certain relationship eligibility criteria in terms of how he or she is related to the child.

The relative guardian must demonstrate a strong commitment to the child.

The relative guardian must be a fully approved foster home for 6 consecutive months prior to finalization of the subsidized guardianship agreement.

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