



Welcome to KinnectU!

Brought to you by Kinnect:

Kinnect, based in Ohio, is a non-profit focused on KinFirst strategies and programs to foster and strengthen kinship connections and inclusive support networks for families, youth, and children. With 20 years of experience, Kinnect envisions a future where every young person and family feels a strong sense of belonging and has the essential resources and relationships to thrive. By collaborating with families, public agencies, and private providers, Kinnect works to improve permanency outcomes, build robust support networks, and develop innovative strategies that align with a KinFirst culture.

About KinnectU:

Our training experiences include a wide variety of training offerings, including in-person sessions, virtual sessions, and self-led eLearning courses. Our staff can accommodate on-site training and are available for consulting support.

Why KinnectU?

We know you have options when it comes to accessing training materials and resources. Here is what makes us different:

- **Our content is created by subject matter experts working in the field:** Our materials are developed by professionals with hands-on experience and a deep understanding of the subject matter, ensuring that you receive the most accurate and practical information.
- **We are experts in the family search and engagement approach and the models we use:** We pride ourselves on being leaders in utilizing and advancing family finding techniques, which help connect individuals with supportive family members and improve overall outcomes.
- **Our collaborations with partners to refine models and approaches:** Through continuous partnerships and feedback loops with various organizations, we fine-tune our methods and strategies, making sure they are effective and up to date with the latest best practices.
- **We aim to move practice forward:** We aim to push the boundaries and innovate within our field; striving to enhance practices and facilitate meaningful progress for the communities we serve.

Who Can Benefit?

Anyone dedicated to supporting children and families can benefit from our programs. This includes:

- Child welfare staff (front-line staff, managers, administrators, and other support staff)



- Foster parents
- Legal staff, Guardians (GAL) and Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Community Partners such as drug and alcohol counselors, probate officers, child support professionals, mental and behavioral professions, and school staff.

How to Get Started:

The **KinnectU Learning Management System** is where you will find information about our training programs, and where you can register and purchase access to them. After registering, you will gain access to a variety of Kinnect resources, including best practices, white papers, and implementation tips. You will also be able to track your training completions and access your training certificates.

Steps to get started:

1. Go to: <https://kinnectu.talentlms.com/catalog>
2. If you don't have an account, click **Sign Up** at the top of the page. If you do have an account, click **Login**.
3. Navigate to "**Don't have an account? Sign up for free!**" Click on the **Sign up** link.
4. Enter the required information.
 - a. First Name
 - b. Last Name
 - c. E-mail Address
 - d. Password (needs to be at least 8 characters in length and needs to include at least 1 upper case letter, at least 1 lower case letter, and at least 1 number)
 - e. Organization
 - f. Role
 - g. City
 - h. State
5. Select the box for "**I'm not a robot.**"
6. Click **Create account**.
7. You will receive an e-mail to confirm your KinnectU account. Follow the instructions in the e-mail to complete the process. If you don't receive the e-mail, be sure to check your spam folder.
8. Click the name of the course you would like to purchase.
9. Click **Enroll Now**.

Have Questions? Contact Us!

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