

Legal Options for Kinship Caregivers North Carolina

What You Should Know About School Enrollment

If you want to move the child to your home school district:

1. First, simply try to enroll the child in school and see if you get pushback.
2. If the school questions your authority to register the child, share the law that allows kinship caregivers to enroll the child. Ask if they have a form that you can fill out that fulfills this law.

[§ 115C-366 \(a3\)\(1\)](#)

3. If the school itself is still resistant, call the central office. Individual principals may not know of this law, but the administrators will likely know the procedure to follow.
4. If you still run into resistance from the central office, contact an attorney or Legal Aid.

If you want to keep the child in their home school district (and that district is different from where you live):

1. If the school questions your authority to make the decision to keep the child at the school, share the law that requires the school to provide services to foster children.

[McKinney-Vento Act](#)

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2. If the school itself is still resistant, call the central office. Individual principals may not know of this law, but the administrators will likely know the procedure to follow.
3. If you still run into resistance from the central office, contact [Foster Family Alliance](#) for support. [FFA-NC.org](#)

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