



**Are you between the ages  
of 18 and 24 and want to:**

Reconnect with  
family or  
someone who  
played a large role  
in your life?

Grow your  
support system of  
caring and  
nurturing people?

Have a  
trustworthy  
person to help  
you with life skills  
and daily tasks?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, we invite you  
to learn more Adoption Rhode Island’s

***Making KINnections program!***

For additional information, please call Marcie Baker-Hinds  
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## You may be wondering...

### What can the *Making KINnections* Program do for me?

The *Making KINnections* Program works side-by-side with young adults experiencing homelessness to identify, search for, and establish or re-establish connections with people who care about them. These can be connections to family members, friends, previous coaches, mentors, teachers, or community leaders. If there is someone who you want to reconnect with, we are here to help!

### How would you find people for me?

The staff in the *Making KINnections* program works with a model called Extreme Family Finding™. We have staff person trained in what is called family search and engagement, who will use search engines and other tools to locate people you may want to have a connection to. We even have a private investigator to help us locate people. We have been using this model since 2020 and we have some of the best outcomes in the country!

### Why look for connections, especially with people I have lost touch with?

We believe that everyone deserves to have connections to positive, supportive, and safe people! We know that sometimes relationships can be hard, so we are here to provide support and help rebuild relationships that may have been hurt or lost over time. Our staff will work closely with you and your connections to support your relationship.

### How involved will I be in the search?

The *Making KINnections* program is a process that is led by you, which means we will only look for people you want us to search for. We will not reach out to anyone without your knowledge or permission. We will work with you to ensure anyone we locate is able to be a supportive person in your life.

### What happens after we find people?

Once we find people, we will bring everyone together to talk about how you can be in each other's lives. It could be that your connections are a support to you and someone you can call when you are having a rough day, or a place you can go at the holidays, or even a place where you can live short-term or long-term. The relationship between you and your connections is your decision together – we just help you get there!

### How much does this program cost?

This program is **free**, thanks to a grant called the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) that is focused on helping to end homelessness across the country, especially for youth and young adults.

### How do I get involved?

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