

Search, Engage, Explore, and **Kinnect (SEEK)** - This one-day, in-person training experience introduces participants to our intense values-based family search and engagement (FSE) process. The strategies from SEEK empower families and produce lasting results, connecting young people with their kin, culture, and community. Participants will learn about the core values and foundations of FSE, from legislation history and evolution of practice, to integrating family finding across agencies. Topics discussed will include the "why" behind KinFirst decision-making, how to identify and overcome barriers to connecting children with their kin, and trends in practice. Through interactive curriculum and activities, participants will learn diligent searching techniques, meaningful engagement strategies, as well as skillsets for connecting and supporting kinship families.

Region 5 - Pitt County
Community Center at Pitt County Office Park,
403 Government Circle, Greenville, NC

Wednesday January 28, 2026
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Who Should Attend?

Child Welfare Caseworkers/Social Workers, Supervisors, Managers, Directors, and Administrators.

Number of Participants

Up to 60 people per session.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- Recognize how legislation supports keeping children connected to their family.
- Explain how the core values of family search and engagement can be incorporated into practice.
- Describe the difference between outcomes related to children with kinship caregivers versus those who grow up in foster care.
- Utilize new search tools and strategies in practice.
- Recall strategies to engage with the immediate family being served, their extended family, other professionals, and partnerships with key stakeholders.
- Identify barriers and solutions to quality family search and engagement.
- Assess where current practice does not align with core values of family search and engagement and explore areas of opportunity.

At **KinnectU**, we provide engaging and immersive training experiences for individuals and organizations that serve children and families. Whether you're an individual looking to expand your skills or learn industry best practices or as an organization trying to move your agency forward, we have the training and tools you need!

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

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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 nearly 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, builds robust support networks, and develops innovative strategies that align with a KinFirst culture.

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