

## Kinship Foster Parents Face Challenges Most Non-Kin Foster Parents Do Not Encounter

Kinship foster parents differ from non-kin foster parents in several important ways. Almost all of these differences illustrate that kinship foster parents face numerous challenges that most non-kin foster parents do not encounter. Moreover, private and voluntary kinship caregivers face similar challenges to kinship foster parents (Table 2).

*Table 2: Challenges Faced by Children in Non-Parent Care*

	Private Kinship Care	Voluntary Kinship Care	Kinship Foster Care	Non-Kin Family Foster Care
Caretaker without high school degree	33	55	32	9
Unmarried caretaker	55	53	62	21
Family income below poverty	43	31	39	13
Family experiences food insecurity	42	43	51	24
Caretaker over age 50	51	70	42	26
Caretaker in poor mental health	23	23	19	9

Source: National Survey of America's Families (see Ehrle et al., 2000; Ehrle and Geen, 2002)

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