

Ohio FCE Network: Network Meeting

March 1, 2022, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

[Link to Zoom Meeting](#); Password: 748208

[Link to FCE Network Webpage](#); Password: *networkmember*

Objectives:

1. Reconnect with colleagues.
2. Receive updates from Network partners.
3. Explore and discuss information about kinship caregivers in the education system.
4. Provide and receive updates from workgroups.

Agenda:

- 10:00 a.m.** Welcome and Ice Breaker
10:15 a.m. Kinship Connections: How schools can partner with kinship families is good
Angela Provenzano, The Ohio State University
11:00 a.m. Partner Updates
11:45 a.m. Lunch
12:15 p.m. Workgroup Updates
1:40 p.m. Announcements, wrap up and feedback
[Survey Link](#)
2:00 p.m. Adjourn

About Angela Provenzano



Angela Provenzano is a 3rd-year occupational therapy student completing her capstone project with the Center on Education and Training for Employment. Angela has a bachelor's degree in educational psychology with a Spanish minor from Mississippi State University, where she was also a member of the "Grandfamilies" research lab in the psychology department. Angela's interest in working with kinship families sparked from personal experience, as she watched her grandparents raise her cousin (their grandson).

Aside from personal experience, Angela has professional expertise working with kinship families. She founded and currently runs Kinship Caregivers Connect, an online support group for kinship caregivers. She was the recipient of the Albert Schweitzer fellowship to start the group in June of 2020, and is now partnered with OhioKAN, a state-funded organization. Angela's support group has reached university-wide and state-wide recognition. She was recently awarded the Jane-Case Smith Outstanding Student Award from the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association, as well as the Engaged Scholars Grant, The Scholarship of Excellence Award, The Legacy Award, and the Hite Family Scholarship.

Angela is elated to bring her passion for working with kinship families into her capstone project and to learn more about how the school system can uniquely support this population. Angela is from the largely unexciting state of Connecticut and has lived in both the South and the Midwest. She is a new cat mom to two unbearably cute brother kittens- Armani and Dior, who will comfort her through the busyness of planning a wedding, studying for boards, and preparing to graduate in May 2022!

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