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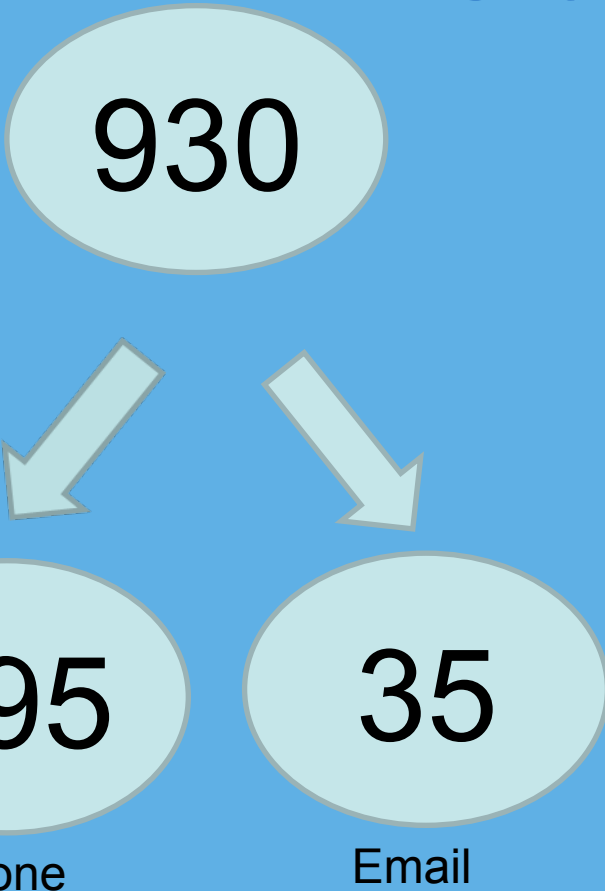
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For Scotland's vulnerable
children and families

Kinship Care Families





2014 Kinship Care HelpLine Statistics



- Welfare Rights
- Family Relationship
- Contact/residence
- Legal
- Behaviour/discipline





What our work tells us

For the children, kinship carers tell us they need:

- therapeutic services and supports;
- Extra support at school;
- Help with managing relationships with their parents;
- Peer support from other children living in kinship care;
- Access to mental health services;
- Help to understand the impacts and effects of drug and alcohol misuse.





“Every child needs one person who is crazy about him.” Uri Bronfenbrenner





What our work tells us

Kinship carers tell us they

need:

- Respite from caring;
- Emotional support;
- Advice, information and support around caring for children;
- Access to free school meals/ clothing grants to ease financial pressure;
- Access to leisure facilities;
- Advocacy to navigate through legal, health, housing or education systems;
- Advice and support around dealing with contact arrangements for the children;
- For the older grandparents in particular, knowing what will happen to the child/children should they become ill or pass away





Motivation

- **Loyalty**

- To the parent, family and the child
- Belief that a parent will accept responsibility in a later stage
- Rejection of a child would stimulate a guilt and indicate disloyalty to the family

- **Obligation**

- Attachment to a child
- Taking a child in, because she/he is a family
- Avoiding a child going into care system
- No other family member has come forward

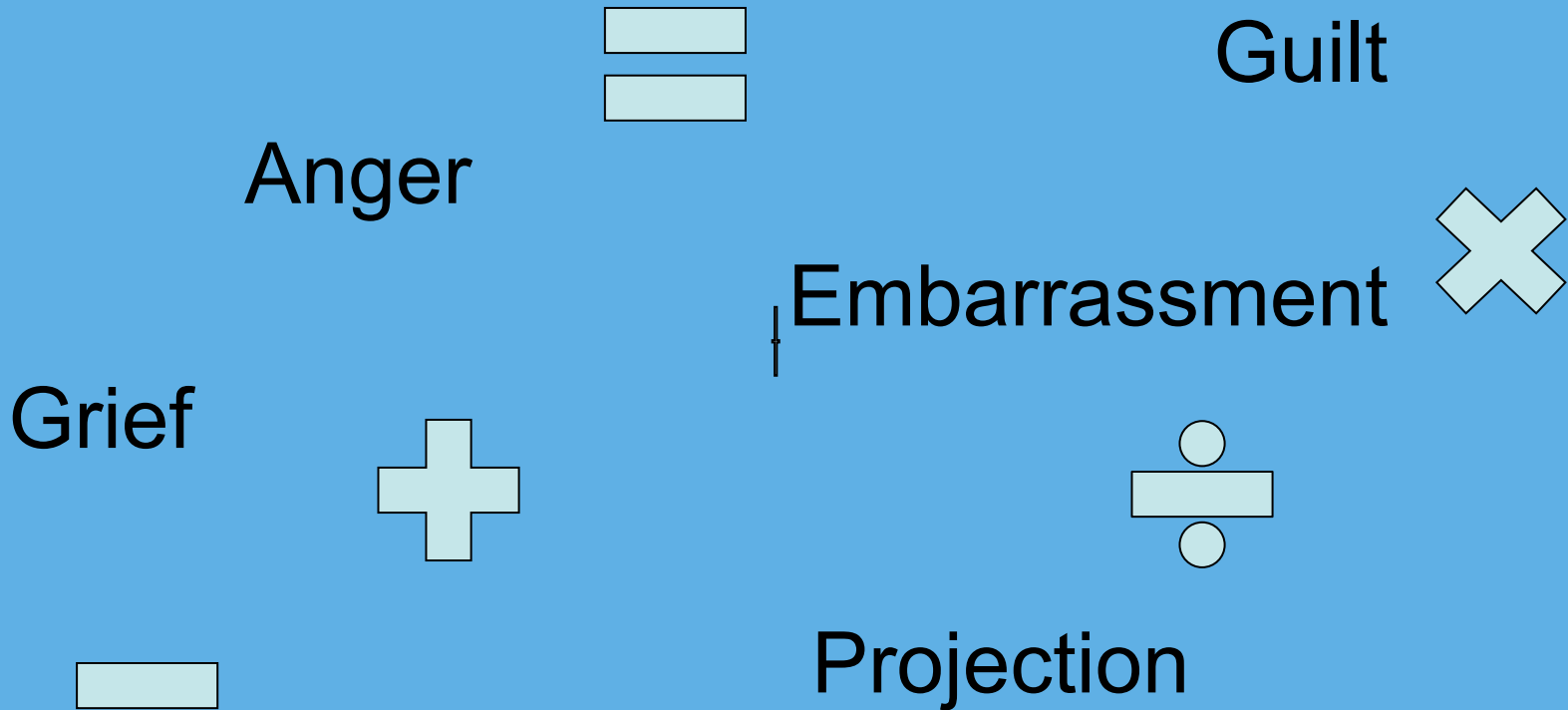
- **Penance**

- Making up for what birth parents did not provide to the child(safety, protection)
- Reliving their parenting





It is not a difficult family, it is a family dealing with a difficult situation



Role definition





Role of attachment in KSC environment

- Importance of early years
- Child attachment style
- Caregiver attachment style
- Support available
- Truth





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