

## What is Kinship?

Kinship caregivers are primary caregivers of their relative's children, such as grandparents, aunts and uncles, and close family friends (fictive kin).

An estimated 18,000 Kinship caregivers are raising relatives in King County.

Kinship caregivers offer children the chance to stay connected with their family, culture, neighborhood, and school.

**Fellow Kinship caregivers** and many agencies in King County are eager to help caregivers navigate services. Support groups meet regularly:

- [www.dshs.wa.gov/kinshipcare](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/kinshipcare)
- [www.fosteringtogether.org](http://www.fosteringtogether.org) (groups include non-kinship families)

The **Caregivers Connection** monthly newsletter provides information for caregivers around the state. Sign up at [www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents).



## Do you want to increase support for relatives who are raising kids?

### The King County Kinship Collaboration (KCKC)

is comprised of kinship caregivers and representatives from more than a dozen organizations throughout King County who partner to improve support for kinship caregivers, including:

- Resource development & sharing
- Support groups & workshops
- Kinship Camp & respite activities

### Please Join Us!

Meetings are held monthly. For more information contact the KCKC Coordinator at:

#### Catholic Community Services

100 23rd Ave South  
Seattle, WA 98144  
206-328-5270  
[kinshipprogram@ccsww.org](mailto:kinshipprogram@ccsww.org)



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Are you raising a relative's child?

# Resources for Relative Caregivers and the Kids They are Raising

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## Kinship Navigator

The **King County Kinship Navigator** directs caregivers to the community resources described here, and provides information regarding other needs.

The Navigator also helps caregivers access the **Kinship Caregiver Support Program (KCSP)** which provides assistance with urgent needs such as food, clothing, transportation, household items, school and youth activities, and one-time help with rent or utilities to prevent eviction or shut-offs.

Contact the Navigator at:

**Catholic Community Services**  
100 23rd Ave South  
Seattle, WA 98144  
[www.ccsww.org/kinshipservices](http://www.ccsww.org/kinshipservices)

Please call/email for an appointment:  
206-328-5951 (Navigator)  
206-328-5787 (Intake)  
Email: [kinshipprogram@ccsww.org](mailto:kinshipprogram@ccsww.org)

Families *without involvement* with Child Welfare Services may be eligible for:

- **Child-only TANF**: contact your local DSHS Community Services Office
- **Kinship Caregivers Support Program (KCSP)**: contact the Kinship Navigator.

Families may also be eligible for: WIC, Basic Food assistance, free or reduced price meals, Department of Early Learning Services, Respite, and Division of Developmental Disabilities services. Contact the Kinship Navigator for more information.

To be screened for legal assistance, such as third-party custody, contact the **Kinship Care Solutions Project**: 206-267-7086.

Families *involved with* Child Welfare Services may be eligible for **Child-only TANF**, and the following. Contact the Children's Administration directly:

- **Relative Support Services Program**
- **Foster Care Payments**
- **Adoption Support**
- **Treehouse**

## Volunteer Chore Services

Caregivers may be eligible for help with the activities described below if:

- 1) the **caregiver has a disability** which makes accomplishing chores difficult,
- 2) they have **limited financial resources** or extenuating circumstances related to their income, and
- 3) they are **not receiving a publicly funded service** that offers similar support (e.g. Developmental Disabilities or Medicaid Personal Care services).

Activities include help with errands, shopping, yard work, laundry, housework (vacuuming, dusting, general cleaning), transportation, or minor home repairs.

Services are provided through a network of caring and carefully screened volunteers.

Call the Volunteer Chore Services office.

206-328-5787

