





**Our Kinship Navigators are** 

# here to help you and your Relative Placement Families

#### Who do we serve?

All Kinship Caregivers in Lewis, Thurston and Mason Counties.

## **Our Kinship Navigators can:**

- Offer Weekly Support Groups
- Monthly Training
- Identify local resources that can provide support for kinship caregivers and their families.
- Provide information on the state and federal laws governing guardianship, adoption, schooling, public benefits, and much more.

#### How can you help?

Refer your relative placement families to our Kinship Care Services.

#### **Questions or Referral?**

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### **WA State Kinship Pilot Project**

The Kinship Care Services at Family Education & Support Services is collaborating with DCYF, DSHS/ALTSA, and the University of Washington as part of the Washington State Kinship Pilot Project - a multi-year research study with the goal to develop an Evidenced Based Kinship Program that improves resources and supports for all relatives raising children whose parents are unable to care for them.

The Pilot has been expanded to include Kinship Caregivers that have DCYF placement or are considered licensed "formal" caregivers.

We are asking you to help us reach these Kinship Families in order to include them in the research study.