

# KINSHIP FAMILY PROGRAM



In the state of Alaska, there is an estimated 16,189 children under the age of 18 being raised by grandparents or other relative caregivers. This means that 8.7% of all Alaskan children are being raised by relatives. The Kinship Family Program is designed to help these children and relative caregivers succeed by providing a variety of support services. **All caregivers who are raising relative children (under the age of 18), with or without legal arrangements are eligible to receive services through the Kinship Family Program.**



## Kinship Family Program Goals:

- Protect children and strengthen families.
- Support and enhance relationships between children, families, and the community.
- Connect children and families to immediate and lifelong support systems.

## Kinship Family Program Services:

- **Kinship support services** - case management, resource referrals, information and assistance, and monthly support groups
- **Supplemental financial assistance** - grocery vouchers, legal assistance, minor home modifications, equipment/supplies, transportation, and more.
- **Respite care services**
- **Additional services** - monthly newsletter, lending library, and emotional support

*"The Kinship Family Program has been a huge support for me in many ways. I have been able to connect with other families that were raising their relatives. It is huge to have this type of program available" - Kinship Caregiver*

If you know a family that might be interested in the Kinship Family Program, please contact the Kinship Program Manager:

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