

CAREGIVERS

Did you know?

In the state of Alaska, there are more than 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 under the age of 18 are being raised by relatives.

Perhaps you know of someone or you are raising your relative children and would like to have access to support services.

The Kinship Family Program provides a variety of support services, all of which assist families in getting connected with the right resources and support.

If you have any questions regarding the Kinship Family Program services, you can contact the Kinship Program Manager, Desiree Scott-Torres at (907)265-1905 or email dscott-torres@voaak.org.

Volunteers of America Alaska
Celebrating **39** years of
providing quality services for
our Alaskan Communities

Our Mission

Other VOA Services

Adolescent Treatment Services:

Helping adolescents overcome substance addiction was our first mission when founded in 1981. The call to help Alaskan adolescents struggling with addiction remains as necessary now as it was back then. Volunteers of America Alaska helps over 600 families each year through our residential facility (ARCH) and outpatient program (Assist).

Affordable Housing:

Volunteers of America Alaska believes housing is a powerful foundation for life, and we are increasing efforts to provide affordable housing throughout the state of Alaska.

Public Health and Prevention Services:

Volunteers of America Alaska's goal is to prevent adolescent substance abuse before it escalates. We accomplish this by alcohol and drug education, coalition leadership, and family support.



KINSHIP FAMILY PROGRAM

Kinship Program Services

Kinship Support Services

- Case management
- Resource referrals
- Information and assistance
- Monthly support groups

Supplemental Financial Assistance

- Purchase of goods
- Legal assistance
- Minor home modification
- Equipment/supplies
- Transportation

Respite Care

- Seasonal camps
- Sports
- Before/after school care
- and more!

Additional Services

- Monthly newsletter
- Lending library

To enroll into the Kinship Family Program or for more information, please contact:

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Support Groups in Alaska

Kinship Family Support Groups meet monthly throughout Alaska at varying times, dates, and locations.

For your local support group schedule please contact the Kinship Program Manager at (907) 265-1905 or at dscott-torres@voaak.org

Kinship Family Program

Qualified Caregivers

All caregivers who are raising relative children (under the age of 18), with legal arrangement through the child welfare system or private arrangements are qualified to enroll in the Kinship Family Program.

Program Goals

- To protect children and strengthen families
- Support and enhance relationships between children, families, and the community
- Connect children and families to immediate and lifelong supports
- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of caregivers designed to enhance strengths and address challenges

All services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL