



VOA Alaska

Keeping it in the Family: VOA Kinship Program and Relative Caregiver Resources

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VOA Alaska Kinship Family Program

Kinship Program Goals

1. To protect children and strengthen families
2. Support and enhance relationships between children, families, and the community
3. Connect children and families to immediate and lifelong supports

Enrollment Information

To enroll into the Kinship program, visit www.voaak.org/kinship and complete the intake form or contact Kinship staff.

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Services

- Case management/resource referrals
- Peer Support Specialist
- Monthly support groups
- Monthly educational workshops
- Supplemental financial assistance
 - o Purchase of goods
 - o Legal assistance
 - o Minor home modification
 - o Transportation (transit system or gas vouchers)
- Respite care
 - o Sports
 - o Camps
- Food/hygiene pantry
- Lending library
- Monthly newsletter

Alaska Legal Services Corp. (ALSC)

ALSC assists clients who are facing critical legal issues.

Services

- Alaska Native Law
- Consumer
- Domestic Violence
- Elder Advocacy
- Family Law
- Health
- Housing
- Public Benefits
- Veterans
- Free community legal resources

Contact Information

Pearl Pickett: ppickett@alsc-law.org or (907)222-4523

OCS Special Needs Hotline

Services

The OCS Special Needs Hotline provides funding to purchase goods and services that are not included in the foster care reimbursement.

Examples include emergency clothing, prescribed special food, emergency beds, summer camps, etc.

Each foster parent may request ONE-TIME funds for a foster child when there are no other resources for payment. Reimbursement will be made within 30 days of receiving a valid receipt.

Making a Request

Requests must be made via phone at 1-855-60-FUNDS or email hss.ocsservicearray@alaska.gov

Contact Information

Carissa Irwin: hss.ocsservicearray@alaska.gov or 1-855-60-FUNDS



Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

ADRC's connect seniors, 65+, people with disabilities, and caregivers with long-term services and support, available in their communities.

Services provided by ADRC include transportation assistance, assistive technology, resource referrals, utility assistance, and more.

This program is income-based.

Contact Information

State-Wide Toll Free: 1-855-565-2017

Thread

Thread is a state-wide child care resource and referral network.

Services

- Helps families understand the types of childcare
- Provide assistance choosing quality childcare based on the needs of the family, to include questions to ask at the tour/interview, cost of care, etc.
- Online data base of child care providers
- Provides families with information on obtaining child care assistance to help pay for early childhood education

Contact Information

Southcentral Alaska toll-free number: 800-278-3723

Southeast Alaska toll-free number: 888-785-1235

Northern Alaska toll-free number: 866-878-2273

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)

AHFC helps Alaskans access to safe, quality, and affordable housing throughout Alaska, in 16 statewide communities.

AHFC offers assistance for low-income Alaskan's seeking private housing (housing vouchers) or public housing, based on family income.

Enrollment Information

www.ahfc.us/publichousing/rental-programs/applications

Contact Information

State-Wide Toll-Free: 800-478-2432

JumpStart

Available to participants of AHFC's rental assistance programs who want to increase income from employment and decrease dependence on housing assistance.

- Case managers assigned to help achieve goals
- Assistance in short and long term goal development
- Financial incentives for those working towards employment goals
- Educational incentives for courses or training that support employment or career advancement
- One-on-one family mentoring
- Educational opportunities such as computer skills, resume writing, interviewing techniques, etc.

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One stop resource for connecting with a wide variety of services in every community throughout Alaska, to include emergency food and shelter, educational opportunities, treatment programs, senior services, child care, and more.

Online Data Base

www.alaska211.org

Contact Information

Dial 211 or 1(800)478-2221

GCI School District Education Internet

GCI is currently providing FREE internet to any family in need, who has a child enrolled in school throughout Alaska.

Steps to get internet access

1. Contact your child's home school to determine eligibility.
2. If your child's school is unable to assist, contact GCI at 1-800-800-4800.
3. Provide an explanation as to why you were unable to receive services in the spring. (ex. Did not have custody of relative child, unaware of the resource, etc.)
4. Explain the financial impact COVID-19 had on your family.
5. Get internet access!

Contact Information

1(800)800-4800



Thank you

Thank you for your commitment to the children in your care.

If you would like to enroll in VOA Alaska's Kinship Family Program, please visit www.voaak.com/kinship or contact kinship staff at (907)522-9866 or (907)265-1905.

If you would more information on additional resources available in your community, please contact Ariel Serrano at (907)522-9866.

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