



Kinship Newsletter



Thurston-Lewis-Mason Counties

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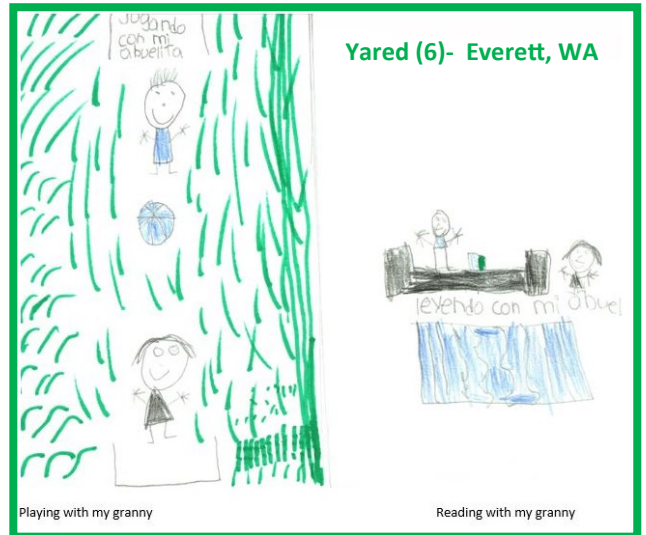
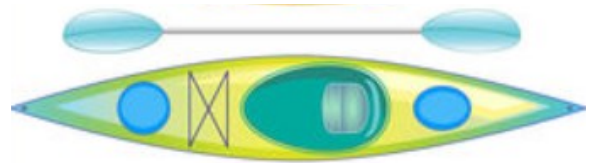
Voices of Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives

CONTEST

WINNERS!

*My Nana and Papa have been good to me,
Once there were two now there are three.
I have lived with them over a year,
I now feel safe and live without fear.
I have good food to eat, which fills up my tummy,
It's made with love and always so yummy.
I run, I play, I go to school,
I have made new friends which is super cool.
They teach me stuff to help me be smart,
I love them both with all of my heart.*

Kaylee(6)- Silverdale, WA



Yared (6)- Everett, WA

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by Rosa Venancio

Poem to my granny

My granny the sweetest in my life
Who has been the person who teaches me to be myself
Is always with me
Through thick and thin
My granny, who teaches me to be better in all things
Before I didn't know but now I know
She scolds me for something
Not for making me sad or angry
But for making me a better person
She loves all the drawings that I make
Beautiful or ugly
If is a nose
For her is the most beautiful rose
Supports me in everything
I thank her
For everything she does for me and for us
I will always love you
My sweetest granny

Carol (11)- Everett, WA

Join the Kinship Group on Zoom

Take a much needed break, meet up with your fellow Kinship Caregivers & enjoy some well deserved "Me Time" in a very supportive environment.

Meetings are:

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 - 8 pm

Contact Tammara for sign up information:

Tammara@familyess.org



I think in my opinion every kid needs a safe place and environment to live and this safe environment for me was my grandma's. We played with our grandma's dogs and we had fun. When it snowed we played outside, my sisters and my brother would always build snowmen and try to build a snow house but it would always break apart. We went to the park a few times and got gatorade.

Our sisters moved in with our grandma and me and my brother which at first was hard but got easier. We'd play at the park with our older sister, who'd take us to the park more.

Grandma was always nice and we'd get free food from the subway sometimes because she worked there. Our grandma would take us to the mall and get us new shoes and new clothes all the time and we always got to play at the park all the time. When we'd get home the dogs always acted like we were gone forever and would make a lot of noise like hitting the door and barking.

This is why my grandma's house was a safe environment .

Oshaun (12) - Spanaway, WA



The Parental Compass

<https://www.parentalcompass.org/feed.xml>

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Lewis-Mason-Thurston Kinship
Caregivers



Imagine

Imagine yourself in a house.

Loving parents, loving siblings, loving eyes, and loving words.
You like that, right? You want that, right?

Now imagine your loving parents stop loving.
Your loving siblings stop caring, the loving eyes ripped to hate,
and those loving words turned into screaming insults.
Do you like that? Do you want that?

Okay, now imagine before you experience any of that,
you get put into this house.

This house has grandparents who loves you,
This house has sibling(ish) kids for you to care for,
and for them to care for you.

Now Imagine this house. . . it becomes a home.
That is what I got.

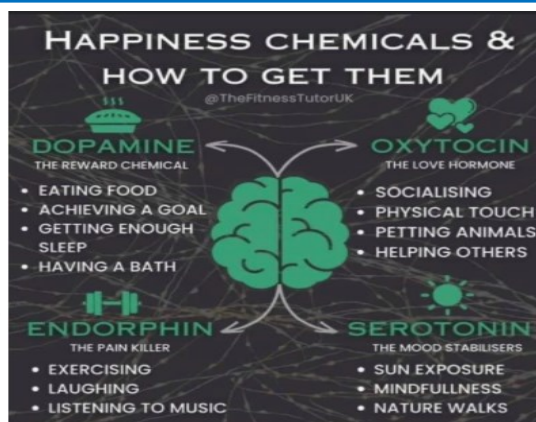
Mary (14)- Olympia, WA



SAVE THE DATE!

Kinship Picnic - August 14th, 2021

Details Coming Soon!!



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