Time for a little spring cleaning

Falls can cause serious injuries in older adults, but most can be avoided. This spring, try a bit of falls prevention cleaning to help yourself and your loved ones:

- Remove clutter from walkways and stairs
- Store items you do not often use
- Keep regularly used items within reach
- Replace lights that have burned out
- Immediately clean up any spills
- Remove area rugs or replace with non-slip rugs
- Rake up any lingering fall leaves that could be slippery in the spring rains
- Remove moss from sidewalks and driveways

Register at:
https://wafatherhoodcouncil.org/dad-allies-initiative/annual-fatherhood-summit/2023-fatherhood-summit

Night-Owls Kinship Group
Wednesday Evenings

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/446048833?pwd=aHhOSzhBZ21hV1p5L1JkTnItZGxZUT09
Meeting ID: 446 048 833
Passcode: 006845
6:30-8:00pm

Contact: Trista@familyess.org for signup information
The Washington State Parks new Foster Family pass will open the program to kinship families, who until now, have not been able to participate. Now, family members without a foster care license who provide out-of-home care to a relative child will also be able to enjoy this incredible discount with their families. (*Note, the name of the pass is written into RCW and would be very difficult to change.)

The updates to the website will appear mid-May and passes will be available starting June 1st, 2023.

Foster parents and kinship caregivers can apply by completing Foster Family Application Form P&RA-474 or emailing infocent@parks.wa.gov

Visit https://www.parks.wa.gov/1204/Foster-Home-Camping-Program for more information

Note: applicants get the verification form from us at Parks. We will have it on our website in May.

They will be accepting several types of proof for folks who don’t have a foster care license. Here’s what they will accept:

We can accept the following forms of proof:

- Caregiver ID card or foster license from DCYF.
- Award letter or TANF child only grant – DSHS.
- Verification form from Tribal government.

We can accept 2 of the following:

- Court order (non-parental custody, guardianship, third party custody).
- Tax return with both parent and child’s name.
- Lease agreement with both parent and child’s name.
- Verification form from kinship navigator program.

The website will list above forms of proof, as well as “don’t see yourself here? Call us!”

Ask questions or request assistance by contacting the State Parks information center at:

360-902-8844 or infocent@parks.wa.gov

Kinship Financial Assistance Update

FESS assists low-income Kinship families under a grant from the state.

The current grant is depleted.

We will receive more funds in July 2023.

The state has ended the COVID exceptions we have been operating under the past 3 years.

Moving forward after receiving financial assistance for 3 years in a row, families must take one year off.