

# Family Education & Support Services KINSHIP

# MAY 2023

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- Washington Fatherhood Council
- 5th Annual Fatherhood Summit
- Co-parenting, the hardest job we'll ever do



May 16-18, 2023

Register at:

<https://wafatherhoodcouncil.org/dad-allies-initiative/annual-fatherhood-summit/2023-fatherhood-summit>

## KINSHIP COFFEE CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
(May 9 & 23)

10:00-11:00am

**\*IN PERSON\***

Adults Only  
No childcare provided

FESS  
6840 Capitol Blvd SE, Bldg #3  
Tumwater, WA 98501

## Night-Owls Kinship Group Wednesday Evenings



### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/446048833?pwd=aHhOSzhBZ21hV1p5L1JkTnlhZGxZUT09>

Meeting ID: 446 048 833  
Passcode: 006845

# 6:30-8:00pm

Contact: [Trista@familyess.org](mailto:Trista@familyess.org) for signup information

### 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



# FREE State Park Entry and Camping

## New Recreational Opportunity for Kinship Families

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&R A-474 or emailing [infocent@parks.wa.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**WE ARE FAMILY DAY**  
SUNDAY, MAY 7  
1:10 P.M.

TICKET PRICES  
MAIN-\$20  
VIEW-\$10

We're excited to invite you to We Are Family Day on Sunday, May 7, as we celebrate foster, kinship and adoptive families and the folks that support them. Enjoy a fun-filled day of baseball, a pregame event on the Rooftop Boardwalk (near Section 330) and an exclusive Mariners-themed blanket when you purchase through this special offer!

TO BUY TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO CALL OR VISIT:  
(206) 346-4540 @ [MARINERS.COM/WEAREFAMILY](http://MARINERS.COM/WEAREFAMILY)

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