



Kinship Newsletter

Thurston-Lewis-Mason Counties

January-2024

KINSHIP ZOOM MEETINGS

Every Weds 6:30-8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 446 048 833

Passcode: 006845

One tap mobile

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Kinship Support Group is back!

Thurston: Briggs YMCA **FREE CHILDCARE**

Time: 5-7pm

AND PIZZA

4th Monday of every month

Jan. 22 is our 1st one!

Address: 1530 Yelm Highway SE,

Olympia, WA 98501

To register, email:

Trista@familyess.org



FREE Woodland Park Zoo Tickets!!

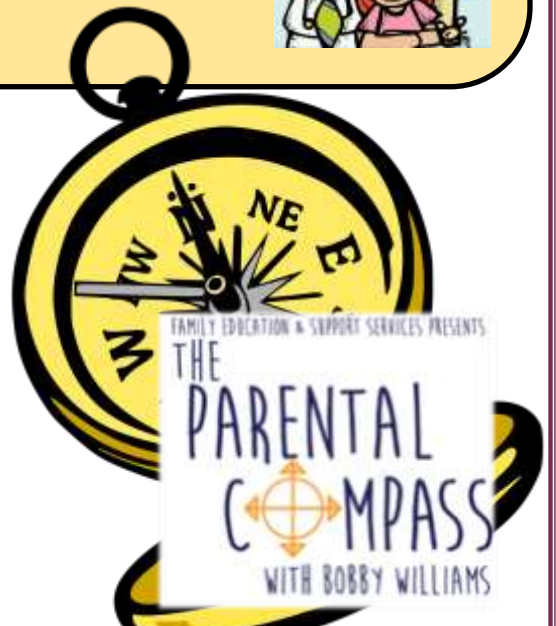
We have many, many tickets available through January 31st, 2024!

Email

Trista@familyess.org
for tickets!



Voice of Children 2024 is now available for entry! Please see Pages 3&4 for the full description!



Contact us:



The Brookdale Foundation Group

The Brookdale Foundation The Glendale Foundation Ramapo Trust
Supporting today's seniors and tomorrow's leaders in aging

LEWIS-MASON-THURSTON
AREA AGENCY ON AGING

THURSTON COUNTY Lewis County Mason County

Timberland Library:

11AM-12PM THURSTON: Family Storytime:



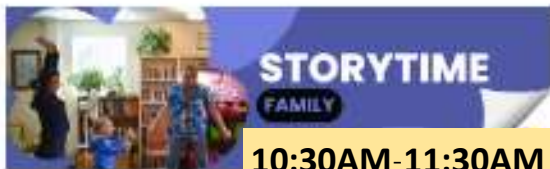
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LEWIS: Music and Movement:

January 6th



10:30AM-11AM



MASON: Family Storytime:

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

10:30AM-11:30AM

THURSTON

South Sound Clothing Closet: Serving Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Families

Regular hours are Saturdays 5501 Wiggins Rd SE, Olympia, WA 98501
between 10:00 a.m. and

JANUARY 2024

30 SATURDAY 10AM-4PM HOLIDAY CLOSURE	06 SATURDAY 10AM-4PM SCIENCE OF SNOW	13 SATURDAY 10AM-4PM POOP POWER	15 MONDAY HOLIDAY CLOSURE
20 WEDNESDAY 12PM-4PM MAKE SOME NOISE	27 SATURDAY 10AM-4PM AMPHIBIANS OF THE NORTHWEST	WET Science Center January 2024 Event Calendar!	

LEWIS

Lewis County Food Bank Locations and Times

750 S.W. 21st St. Chehalis, WA 98532 Every Friday 12:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	134 Mauerman Rd. Pe Ell, WA 98572 Last Wednesday of the month 11:00 a.m. - 12:00	277 7th St. Morton, WA 98356 Every Friday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
303 S. Gold St. Centralia, WA 98531 Tuesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	144 Wilcox Rd. Salkum, WA 98582 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesday of the month 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	106 Kindle Rd. Randle, WA 98377 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
116 Front Street. Mineral, WA 98355 Every Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	5810 Jackson Highway Toledo, WA 9859 2nd, 4th Friday of the month 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	503 N.E. 1st Street Winlock, WA 58596 2nd Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 3rd Wed. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 4th Wed. 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

MASON



Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 15th—NO SCHOOL

Free Entrance Day into State Parks!

When: Monday, Jan. 15 ALL DAY

Where: ALL State Parks!

Price: FREE!!



21st Annual

Voices of Children Contest AND Kinship Caregivers Contest



What are the Contests?

Voices of Children

Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives

is a contest for *children* in Washington State, who are being raised (now or in the past) by a relative – other than their parents.

Voices of Kinship Caregivers

is a contest for *Kinship caregivers* in Washington State, who are raising (now or in the past) a relative child not their own.

The contest honors both, the more than 57,000 children, and the more than 47,000 grandparent & relatives in Washington State who are raising them.

How Do You Enter the Contest?

Children: Write a poem, short essay, or draw a picture that **describes how living with a relative** (such as a Grandparent, Aunt, or Uncle) **has made a positive difference in your life.**

Caregivers: Write a poem or short essay that describes your **positive** experiences as a Kinship Caregiver.

Entries will be judged in 4 categories:

5-7 year-olds; 8-12 year-olds; 13-19 year-olds; and Kinship Caregivers

What are the Rules?

- All participating children must live in **Washington State** and children must be **5-19 years old**.
- Poems should be 21 lines or less.
- Essays should be 200 words or less for **children**, 500 words or less for **caregivers**.
- Make your art as big and bold as possible and add a statement that explains your drawing.
- **Artwork must be submitted on the enclosed entry form.**
- Do not include any names within the artwork.
- Artwork must be flat and submitted within the box on the entry form (Other side of this page).
- Winners will be notified in early May and the decisions of the judges are final.
- The Award's Ceremony will be Time & Date TBA.
- We reserve the right of first publication and use of the writings and drawings submitted.
- All entries may be published in a 2024 Book entitled:

"Voices of Children & Voices of Kinship Caregivers"

What are the Prizes?

The **Two Top Entries** in each Child Age Division and the top 3 Adult Entries will receive:

* \$100 from Twin Star Credit Union



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Write an essay, poem, or submit a drawing **describing how you have benefited by living with a relative.** Poems should be 21 lines or less.

Essays should be 200 words or less for **children**, 500 words or less for **caregivers**. Writings may be submitted on this entry form or a separate piece of white paper.

Drawings should be **BIG, BOLD, and COLORFUL** images. **ARTWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM.**

Artwork not submitted on this form will be ineligible for the contest. Do not include any names within the artwork.



Child's Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Adult/Caregiver Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Address) (City) (Zip Code)

Email Address _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Mail or Email Your Contest Entries to:

2024 Voices of Children Contest
c/o Family Education & Support Services
P.O. Box 14907
Tumwater, WA 98511 or trista@familyess.org

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE
SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED BY
APRIL 15th, 2024**

Questions? Call: 360.754.7629
OR
Email: trista@familyess.org

Privacy Note: The information above is for the Award's committee members to contact you and will not be shared with any third parties.

All entries will be published with the child's first name only and age. All other personal information will be withheld.