



Resource Family Training Institute

Guardians of children in foster care, kinship families, unlicensed caregivers and licensed caregivers are welcome to attend all classes provided statewide by the Resource Family Training Institute, free of charge.

A sample of specific trainings developed for kinship caregivers include:

- Kinship Care Pre-Service
- Clinical issues for Relative Caregivers
- Parenting a Second Time Around for Relative Caregivers
- Relative Care providers Introduction to the System
- Relative Placement through DCFS
- Clinical Issues for the Relative Caregiver-Wellness Recovery Action Play

Classes and Videos available at: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents>

Additional resources are available through the Washington State Resource Family Lending Library and are free to all kinship caregivers and foster parents in Washington State. Call 1-877-517-0820.



Information and Resources for Relative/Kinship Caregivers of children in the Washington state child welfare system

Foster parents and relative caregivers are critical to the safety, stability, and well-being of children who come into the child welfare system due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

As caregivers you are a vital part of the child welfare service team because you are caring for and supportive of the children who have been placed in your homes. Licensed or unlicensed kinship care providers are welcome to attend all classes. Children's Administration supports you by providing a wide array of FREE quality training.

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For more information about training for caregivers, go to:

http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/be_FosterIntro.asp

Additional Resources:

- Foster Parent and Caregiver Crisis and Support Line: 1-800-301-1868
- Family Help Line: 1-800-932-HOPE (4673) or www.parenttrust.org
- Mental Health Crisis Line Information:
<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/mhcrisis.shtml>
- Children's Administration Foster Care Listserv, Subscribe to
<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=FOSTERPARENTS>

Who do I talk to for more information about caregiver training?

- Contact your child's social worker regarding the resources, information and support.
- Training Contact in Region 1, 2 & 6
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- Training Contact in Region 3, 4 & 5
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Children will not remember you for the material things you provided but for the feeling that you cherished them."

~ Richard L. Evans