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September Is Kinship Care Month!

This Kinship Care Month, honor the kin caregivers in your communities by ensuring they have the supports they need.

From financial and legal aid to learning how to navigate changing family dynamics, there are many challenges kin caregivers must navigate.

Find resources in this collection to help you and the families you serve better understand the benefits of kinship care—including resources on [providing culturally appropriate services](#).



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September Is Workforce Development Month!



The child welfare system is only as good as the people who provide services to children and families.

Take advantage of our workforce resources this Workforce Development Month.

Find targeted resources covering the following topics:

- [Professional preparation](#)
- [Recruitment](#)
- [Well-being of the workforce](#)
- [Caseload & workload](#)
- [Using social media in child welfare](#)

Help Children & Youth in Foster Care Succeed in School



As schools start a new year, help the youth in your community get ready for success.

Children and youth in out-of-home care often have unique educational needs and challenges. These youth may have faced trauma, which impacts educational achievement, or have missed assessments that identify any special educational needs.

Learn how the [Every Student Succeeds Act](#) affects your work, where you can [connect](#) youth newly diagnosed with special needs to

- [Virtual and remote workforce needs](#) services, and more on our [Education Services](#) webpage.
- [Appreciating, celebrating, & honoring the workforce](#)

NEW on the Podcast: "Advances in Supporting Kinship Caregivers Part 3"

Listen to the third part of a series exploring how child welfare agencies are increasing engagement, training, and support for kinship caregivers.

Part 3 focuses on the immense success of the Port Gamble S'Kallam tribe in Washington state. Their prevention-focused approach has led to an almost 70-percent reduction in the number of children in care.

Hear how this Children and Family Services team tailors services to the unique needs and culture of families and how they build a proactive partnership with the community in this episode of the podcast.

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Resource Roundup

Well-being encompasses more than physical health and development and includes cognitive, behavioral, emotional, and social functioning. With such a vast topic, we invite you to explore our updated collection of resources on [Well-Being](#).

The [Well-Being](#) web section features materials and tools to promote the well-being of children and families as well as how it can be assessed and measured. Explore the new page, [Concrete Supports to Promote Child and Family Well-Being](#), to see how states are strengthening families with this protective factor.

Principles of well-being also apply to communities. Communities can be an important resource in ensuring the well-being of children and families. Be sure to explore the [Community Well-Being](#) page for resources on how to build and maintain communities that support the families who live there.

WHAT'S NEW?

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Did You Know?

Working with child welfare services can be a stressful and scary time for parents. Sometimes, parents and caregivers may have a complaint—also known as a grievance. All parents who are involved with child welfare have the right to have their complaints heard and differences resolved.

While the first step when addressing a concern is for caseworkers to work directly with the caregiver, persistent problems may need to be escalated. Navigating the child welfare system can already be a daunting process for some families. Having to navigate the system while trying to resolve a high-stakes issue may make it more difficult.

[*From Complaint to Resolution: Understanding the Child Welfare Grievance Process*](#) provides information for caregivers on the general grievance process, navigation tips, and common questions. It also provides some guidance for families who are eligible for the services and protections provided through the Indian Child Welfare Act, though it is not a comprehensive guide.

FEATURE from
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History does not keep to the past. The weight of trauma can be felt through generations. Listen to Historical Trauma Among African Americans podcast series from the FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention and learn how historical trauma affects families today.

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