



**KARE** Kinship Assistance,  
Resources, and Education



**Call the Kinship Resource Line**

**703-324-4534**

**KARE@formedfamiliesforward.org**

Kinship Navigators help relatives caring for children both inside and outside of the formal child welfare system. Your Navigator is an expert on the services available in your area.

FORMED FAMILIES **FORWARD**

**Are you Raising a Child for a Friend or Relative?**



FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF **FAMILY SERVICES**



Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/ Virginia Relay. Reasonable accommodations provided upon request, call 703-324-5730.

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# Are you Raising a Child for a Friend or Relative?

*When parents can't meet a child's basic needs, relatives or family friends often step in to care for the child.*

## ARE YOU...

- ▶ Raising your grandchild
- ▶ Caring for your niece or nephew
- ▶ Responsible for a younger sibling or a friend's child?

*Then you are a **kinship caregiver!***

*You are helping them, **so let us help you!***

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Our FREE Kinship Navigation program can help connect Fairfax County kinship families to valuable support services.

**Our Kinship Navigators are available to talk 1:1 about any questions you may have!**

## **What can we help you navigate?**

- ♥ Basic Needs and Financial Resources
- ♥ Emergency Assistance Funds
- ♥ Support Groups
- ♥ Trainings, Workshops, and Parenting Education
- ♥ Respite and Recreational Activities
- ♥ School, including Special Education
- ♥ Child Care Subsidies
- ♥ Eligibility for Benefits Programs such as TANF, SNAP, WIC, and Medicaid
- ♥ Legal and Custody Resources
- ♥ Mental and Behavioral Health Resources

**And much more!**

