



national KINSHIP CARE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2022



Hello Post-Permanency Families!

We wanted to share resources that are specific to our families that finalized a kinship adoption.

During the month of September, families are honored who have adopted children that were related to them.

Kinship care “refers to the care of children by relatives or, in some jurisdictions, close family friends (often referred to as fictive kin). Relatives are the preferred resource for children who must be removed from their birth parents because it helps maintain the children's connections with their families, increases stability, and overall minimizes the trauma of family separation.” (*It's all relative: Supporting kinship care discussion guides and video series*. Child Welfare Information Gateway. (n.d.). Retrieved September 26, 2022, from https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/outofhome/kinship/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=elertseptember2022)

Additionally, Child Welfare has created a variety of resources for Relative and

Kinship Caregivers. To read more about these resources, visit [Resources for Relatives and Kinship Caregivers](#).

Child Welfare has released a podcast series that talks about Kinship Caregivers and ways we can support them. To listen to the podcast, visit the following sites:

[Advances in Supporting Kinship Caregivers – Part 1](#)

[Advances in Supporting Kinship Caregivers – Part 2](#)

[Advances in Supporting Kinship Caregivers – Part 3](#)

On Child Welfare’s website, there are several other podcasts that you can subscribe and listen to about different topics.

Here is an article on [Kinship Care and the Child Welfare System](#)

In Idaho, there are a variety of resources available for kinship families. According to the Department of Health & Welfare, there are 10,574 grandparents responsible for raising children under the age of 18. (This number does not reflect the number of children informally placed with other relatives or close family friends).

To learn more about the Idaho Kinship Program, visit [Kinship](#). On this site, you can subscribe to their newsletter and learn more about resources and services available.

Thank you for all you do in loving and caring for the children in your home.