



Relative/Kin Caregiver

Dear Relative/Kin Families,

Thank you for becoming a caregiver to your loved one. This can often be an unexpected and challenging time and we are here to support you and your family.

Washoe County Human Services Agency is a Quality Parenting Initiative* (QPI) Site. QPI is a philosophy ensuring every child receives excellent parenting. WCHSA expects our caregivers co-parent with a child's birth family. This ensures that the child is getting excellent parenting from all the caregivers in their lives. A QPI cornerstone is transparency and information sharing. WCHSA will be sharing information with you throughout the case and welcomes information from you, the child's caregiver.

Attached to this email is the "Guide to becoming a Relative for Fictive Kin Caregiver" please review this as a resource of what to expect and information you may need to know.

If you encounter any challenges or have additional questions

please reach out to your caseworker, relative liaison, or the QPI Liaison for support- we are here to help!

Additional training resources can be found on the QPI Website- <http://www.qpinevada.org>

Sincerely,

Washoe County Human Services Agency

AFTER HOURS NUMBER:

833-900-SAFE (7233)

Medical Unit

775-284-2763

2097 Longley Lane

FEC

775.352.3230

905 E Prater Way

Resource Parent Head Quarters

2395 East Prater Way

Facebook Page:

Washoe County Foster & Adoption Support

WEBSITE:

www.washoecounty.us/hsa

www.qpinevada.org

haveaheartwashoe.us

WHO TO CONTACT FOR SUPPORT?

Acronyms

PLR- PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE

If a child is on any psychotropic medication, they will have to be assigned a PLR.

FST- FAMILY SOLUTION TEAM MEETING

FST are a facilitated meeting that you will be invited that is held shortly after a child is removed

CFT- CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM MEETING

CFT is a meeting that is held monthly if not more frequent to go over the status of the case as well as the child(ren)'s needs. You can request CFT's as well when needed.

PC HEARING- PROTECTIVE CUSTODY HEARING

You do not need to attend.

ADJ HEARINGS- ADJUDICATION HEARING

You do not have to attend.

DISPO HEARINGS- DISPOSITIONAL HEARING

You will be invited to attend these hearing. You should make this a priority to attend. The judge may ask you questions regarding the child(ren) and your interactions with the parents.

REVIEW HEARING & PERMANENCY HEARINGS

There will be a hearing at least every six months that you should also make a priority to attend. You will receive notice of all court hearing in the mail which will include a form to fill out if you are unable to attend. Ask your case worker about any questions you may have about court.

- Licensing worker
Name: _____ Number: _____
Email: _____
- Child(ren)'s caseworker
Name: _____ Number: _____
Email: _____
- QPI Liaison
Kylee Spring- kspring@washoecounty.gov

VISITATION

First visits occur at the Family Engagement Center (FEC) within 48 hours of removal. These are facilitated by an FEC Engager and the caregiver. FEC staff will meet with the parent(s) prior to the first visit to address any issues, provide a tour, and provide a basic discussion around visitation and engagement expectations. At the first visit, ongoing visitation will be discussed. Every family that attends family time at the FEC is provided an Engager that works on scheduling, coaching, monitoring, and supporting best visitation practices. They are the go-to person regarding all FEC matters.

It is the expectation that all resource parents will engage birth parents using the FRTV model to build a positive co-parenting relationship, improve visitation experiences for parents and children and to support reunification.

Family Engagement Center (FEC)

Hours of operation: M-F 8:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location- 905 E Prater Way Sparks, NV 89434 (corner of Prater and Howard)

Phone number 775.352.3230

R E S O U R C E S

Initial placement Resource:

Kinship Navigator/ TANF: Is assistance from the state prior to licensure. Your relative liaison will go over this in more detail.

Clothing/diaper resources- Reno Rodeo Foundation (Heather) & FEC may have supplies available for initial placements (FEC)

On going

Respite- Respite services are available and can be sought for true respite (babysitting), or inclusive respite (family vacation). Respite funds are available for all licensed providers. Please reach out to your licensing worker or the placement and support team with any questions.

RAVE- Providing respite to families caring for children (3month to 18) in foster care <http://nnrff.org>

Children's Cabinet Substate- If both caregivers work full time Child's Cabinet can help with the cost of daycare. Ask your caseworker to send referral.

WIC- (0-5 years old) Call WIC office 775.328.2299 to set up appointment. Need to have a placement letter