

Attention Kinship Caregivers!

Beginning November 1, 2014, you may be eligible for a child-only TANF (cash) grant for the children in your care if you are living on retirement income.

Currently, if you are employed, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) only counts 50% of your earnings in determining your eligibility for TANF benefits.

Starting November 1, 2014, DSHS will only count 50% of your retirement and other “unearned” income as well. “Unearned” income includes any income that is not from employment, including social security and pensions. This is a significant and positive change!

For more information, contact your local Community Service Office (CSO) or Kinship Navigator.

You can locate your local CSO by calling 1-877-501-2233 or at www.dshs.wa.gov/onlinecso/findservice.shtml.

You can locate your local Kinship Navigator at www.dshs.wa.gov/kinshipcare/

You may apply for benefits online through Washington Connection at www.washingtonconnection.org/home/

