

# Kinship Families Health Resources



As a kinship caregiver, you can call on your Kinship Navigator for help finding healthcare. If you need assistance when your Navigator is not available, the following resources and contacts may be helpful.

**Health care consent:** As a caregiver who is not involved with Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), you may consent to health care for a minor child if you are an adult and you meet certain conditions. Find the authorization form at [dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/ALTSA/hcs/documents/22-1119.pdf](https://dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/ALTSA/hcs/documents/22-1119.pdf)

## Health emergency information

- Call 9-1-1 if someone needs help right away or if there is immediate danger.
- **Washington Poison Control Center** provides free, expert, and confidential advice. Call 1-800-222-1222 or visit [wapc.org](https://wapc.org)

## Health insurance through Apple Health

- Children living with a relative outside the formal child welfare system may be eligible for free Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage and caregivers may be eligible as well. Call 1-855-923-4633 or visit [wahealthplanfinder.org](https://wahealthplanfinder.org) to apply.
  - Tribal youth contact tribe for more information.
  - Not sure what Apple Health plan your child has? Call the Washington Health Care Authority at 1-800-562-3022 or visit [hca.wa.gov/](https://hca.wa.gov/)
- Children and youth who are in Foster Care, Adoption Support, Extended Foster Care, and alumni of foster care up to age 26 may be eligible for Apple Health Core Connections. Call 1-844-354-9876 or visit [coordinatedcarehealth.com/](https://coordinatedcarehealth.com/).
  - Tribal children remain in Apple Health unless their tribe or caseworker chooses to enroll them into Apple Health Core Connections.

## Other health services and information

- Children with **Special Health Care Needs** lists services for youth up to age 18. Visit [doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Infantsand](https://doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Infantsand)
- **Child Health Promotion** has information about immunizations, growth, development, safety, nutrition, and other topics. Call 1-866-397-0337 or visit [childprofile.org](https://childprofile.org) For Department of Health updated vaccine information, visit [doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization](https://doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization)
- Unused medications in your home may pose a risk. Find a **Take-Back Your Meds location** at [takebackyourmeds.org](https://takebackyourmeds.org)
- **The Washington State Department of Health** offers free publications about hundreds of health related topics. Visit [doh.wa.gov/publications](https://doh.wa.gov/publications).

## Dental care for your kinship child

- **Apple Health (Medicaid)** pays for covered dental services for eligible youth up to age 20. Visit [hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/dental-services](https://hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/dental-services)
- **2-1-1 Washington Information Network (WIN)** provides assistance in finding local dentists. Translators available. Call 2-1-1 or visit [search.wa211.org/](https://search.wa211.org/)
- **The Washington State Department of Health Dental Resources** lists additional resources. Visit [doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/OralHealth/FindingDentalCare](https://doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/OralHealth/FindingDentalCare)