

Lummi Employment and Training Center

Kinship Caregiver Newsletter

March/April 2018

Free Entry to the Seattle Aquarium for Kinship Caregivers and Foster Parents



Interested in taking the kiddos in your care to the Seattle Aquarium? The Lummi Kinship Navigator has 2 year passes for two adults and 5 youth (who are under the full time, on-going custody and care of the caregiver). The pass is for entry

to the Seattle Aquarium during regular hours of operation. You will need to present a valid, legal form of ID and the Kinship Navigator card.

If you are interested in receiving this pass stop by the Lummi Employment & Training Center. Ask for Chastity Jeffries, Lummi Kinship Navigator or Topsy Kinley, ETC Program Manager, if Chastity is not available.

Unable to come into our office? Please call 360-312-2086 to set up a home visit with Chastity Jeffries.

The Seattle Aquarium is located on the scenic downtown Seattle waterfront at 1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59. Open daily 9:30 am– 5:00 pm. Last entry is at 5:00 pm; exhibits close at 6:00 pm. For more information, visit www.SeattleAquarium.org.

Teen Nights for March and April

March 16

April 6

Ages 12-19

Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
4:00 PM– 7:00 PM

Youth Social Services Building
Dinner and snacks provided

For more information contact Joanna Lane at: (360) 384-7152 or JoannaL@lummi-nsn.gov

Free-Access Pass to Pacific Science Center for Youth and Foster Parents or Kinship Caregivers

Seattle Pacific Science Center inspires a lifelong interest in science, math, and technology by engaging diverse communities through interactive and innovative exhibits and programs. They have announced their Youth Access Membership. If you are a foster parent,

relative caregiver, tribal caregiver or kinship caregiver you will want to learn more about this amazing resource for children, youth and caregivers throughout Washington.

Please stop by the LETC office if you are interested in learning more information about your

eligibility for this amazing offer and how to sign up for it. This comes with more than just the entry.

Youth ages 14 and up will be able to sign up for their own membership, but we encourage their caregivers to come in with them to get the information.








SUNDAY, MAY 20
1:10 PM GAME
 PREGAME EVENT 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



EVENT DETAILS AND PRICING

- Join us for our 10th Anniversary as we say "Thank You" to foster, kinship, and adoptive families and the agencies, social workers and community members that support them.
- Receive a We Are Family Day beanie when you purchase through this special offer.
- Arrive early to join us in the Outside Corner near section 330 for our pregame event.

- \$13 View Level
- \$31 Main Level

Buy tickets at: Mariners.com/WeAreFamily

Deadline to purchase tickets:
Friday, May 18 – 5:00 p.m.



To buy tickets or for more info call or visit: 206-346-4519 | Mariners.com/WeAreFamily

If you are interested in attending the “We Are Family Day” please get in contact with me, Chastity Jeffries, as soon as possible. It would be great if you could let me know by no later than April 15, 2018, so there is plenty of time for planning. We would like to help kinship families attend. If you are wanting to by your own tickets, Chastity can give you the promo code to get these discounted prices for attending. Last year we did provide tickets for those interested. The feedback I received was that everyone had fun and it was a great new experience, and for some the first time attending a Mariners game.

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!
TYPE IN: @ETCVR

We will post any news that our office has. Share any news from other agencies and programs that clients may want to know about. Anything that is specifically for Kinship Families will start off in our post with **"KINSHIP FAMILIES."**

Shala Crow offers a support group for Caregivers at Brigid Collins. There is no support groups in June, July, November and December. Childcare and dinner is provided. Please RSVP before attending. Contact Shala for dates and times. You may contact her at 360-220-3785 or shala-crow@olivecrest.org

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Lummi Johnson-O'Malley
 would like to take the time to wish you a Happy New Year!

We would also like to remind you that we do offer transportations for Ferndale & Lummi Students who have missed their bus only if there is no other transportation available.

Between 8AM-10AM

All this upon availability of JOM Van

Please call my cell number [\(360\) 389-8994](tel:3603898994) for transportation in the morning I normally leave directly from LIBC to do transports so this number is the best number to reach me. I do get a lot of facebook message so that works too.

Have a wonderful day! ☺

*"Let us put our minds
 together and see what
 life we can make for
 our children"*

-Sitting Bull



Foster Care Licensing
Lummi Child Welfare

Foster Licensing Training

Wednesday 03/28/2018	Orientation 5-6pm at LIBC CBC Room
Saturday 04/07/2018	Core Classes Day 1: 10-3pm at LIBC CBC Room
Saturday 04/14/2018	Core Classes Day 2: 10-3pm at LIBC CBC Room

Required Training:

- CPR/First Aid
- HIV/Aids
- Orientation
- Blood Bourne Pathogens
- Core Classes Day 1 & 2

To learn more about becoming a licensed foster home, please contact:

Sabrina James, Foster Care Licenser
sabrinaj@lummi-nsn.gov
 (360)384-2324

The GREAT LUMMI EASTER HUNT

SATURday, March 24Th, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT: 11:30 a.m.

LYR Ballfield

2530 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA

**** CHILD MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE EASTER and MUST
BE PRESENT FOR DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS ****

EASTER BUNNY
BRUNCH EGG HUNT DOOR PRIZES
PHOTO BOOTH EASTER TOTES
ACTIVITIES AND MORE!

SPECIAL THANKS TO DUCKS and PEEPS

LYWC, LUMMI COMMDS, ETC, LIRC COUNCIL, LUMMI
STEPPING STONES, ETC, PREVENTION PROGRAM and JOM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LUMMI YOUTH WELLNESS CENTER AT
(360) 380-4436 OR EMAIL AT sarahf@lummi-wa.gov

Day of Prayer

Sunday

April 15, 2018

9 am - 12 noon

**Community Breakfast &
Children Activities**

Protecting Our Children

3 pm - 8 pm

Song & Dance

Potluck ~ All Invited

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Lawrence Solomon 360-312-2142**

15th Annual Voices of Children Contest 2018

The Family Education & Support Services, Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, Area Agency on Aging and TwinStar Credit Union are having their 15th annual Voices of Children Contest for 2018.

This is our chance to let our youth get their voices heard about their experiences of living with a relative in a positive way.

What is the Contest?

Voices of Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives is a contest for children in Washington State who are being raised, now or in the past, by a relative other than their parents. The contest honors both the children and the more than 45, 000 grandparents and other relatives in Washington State who are raising them.

How do you enter the contest?

- Write a poem or short essay, or draw a picture that describes how living with a relative (such as a grandparent, aunt or uncle) has made a positive difference in your life.
- Mail entries to: Voices of Children Contest, 1202 Black Lake Blvd. #B, Olympia, WA 98502.
- All entries must be submitted or postmarked by April 2, 2018.**

What are the rules?

- All participating children must live in **Washington State** and be **5-19 years old**
- Entries will be judged in three age categories: ages 5-7, ages 8-12, ages 13-19
- Poems should be 21 lines or less
- Essays should be 200 words or less
- Make your art as **big and bold** as possible and add a statement that explains your drawing
- **Artwork must be submitted on the entry form**
- Do not include any names within artwork

- Artwork must be flat and within the box on entry form

-Entry must be original, in English, and **unpublished**

Winners will be notified in early May and all decisions of the final judges are final

-Award ceremony for winners will be held at the Governor's Mansion in Olympia

-We reserve the right of first publication and use of writings and drawings

-All entries may be published in a 2018 book called **Voices of Children-Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives**

What are the prizes?

The top two entries in each age category will receive:

***\$100.00 from TwinStar Credit Union**

*** A free night at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA for a family of four!**

For more information and/or to pick up your entry form please stop by the Lummi Employment & Training Center (2665 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226). If you cannot stop by please feel free to contact Chastity Jeffries, Lummi Kinship Navigator, at (360) 312-2086 or email chastityj@lummi-nsn.gov. We are more than happy to mail off your entries as well once your child's entry is complete.



YOUTH LGBTQ GROUP

3/14 & 4/11 & 5/9

Every 2nd

**Wednesday of
the month**

2530 Kwina Road

For more information contact

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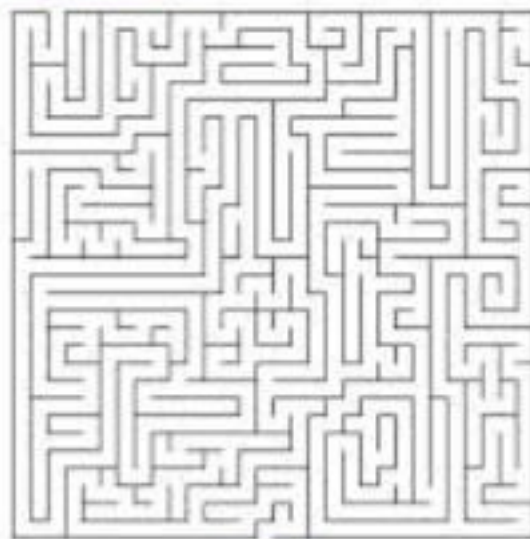
Soaring to new heights



St Patrick's Day Maze



Can you find the way from the rainbow to the pot of gold?



**Children's
Color/ Activity
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