



LUMMI EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CENTER

Kinship Caregiver Newsletter

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Your local Tribal Kinship Navigator

Hello everyone, I wanted to take the time to introduce myself. My name is Chastity Jeffries. I am an enrolled Lummi Tribal member. My Parents are Wayne Ballew Jr. and Marie (Yazzie) Ballew. My grandfather on my mother's side is Kee Yazzie. My late Grandparents are Nellie (Begaye) Chee, Wayne Ballew Sr. and Rena (Lane) Ballew.

I have recently received my Bachelor of Arts in Human Services from Northwest Indian College. I have worked for the Lummi Employment and Training Center (LETC) for five years as the receptionist, ETC services Tech II and Intake Specialist.

The Kinship Navigator Program is new for our tribal people. As the Kinship Navigator for Lummi, I am excited to learn more about this position and who the families are that would benefit from this program.

We have grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings taking care of our children, whether they are in the system or voluntarily given to the family members. Please feel free to contact me if you have a relative child or children in your care. I will be here to help you find the services that you may be eligible for. I would like to help our indigenous people keep our children within their family structures. It is important that our children keep their cultural ties and know who they are.

Do you know a grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, sibling or other relative taking care of child(ren) that is not biologically theirs?

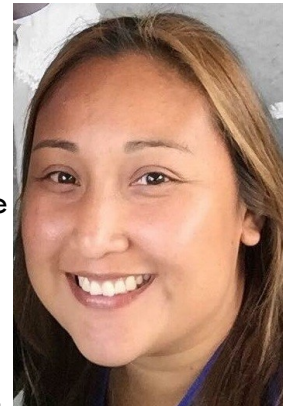
Please refer them to Chastity Jeffries to sign up for the Kinship Care Navigator Program.

We would like to connect with ALL of the Kinship Caregivers (Grandparents, Fosters, and other relatives) whether or not they are involved with child welfare or other services.



What is the Kinship Navigator Program? How could it help?

The kinship navigator program is set up to assist those who need community resources to keep relative children within the community. As the kinship navigator, I will be working with those grandparents, kinship caregivers and foster parents to connect with our local resources. Most of this position is to give you information and refer you to local resources. These services include, but are not limited to, health, developmental disability services, education advocacy services, Food assistance programs, housing, support groups, legal services, training on child development and parenting classes. I am not limited to these services and resources. Please contact me, if you have a request for a specific type of resources and need help getting through that process.



Governor Jay Inslee declared May 17, 2017 as Kinship Caregiver Day



Free Entry to the Seattle Aquarium for Kinship Caregivers (Relative Placements & Foster Parents)

We have a limited supply for the full time kinship caregivers to take the kiddos to the Seattle Aquarium for a family outing.

You may come into the LETC office and see if you are eligible to receive a pass for

up to two adult caregivers and five children (who are under the full time, on-going custody and care of the caregiver). The pass is entry to the Seattle Aquarium



SEATTLE AQUARIUM

during regular hours of operation. You will need to present a valid, legal form of ID (such as a driver's license, passport or tribal ID) and the Kinship Navigator Card. This

card will need to be provided by the Kinship Navigator or her supervisor. The card that you

receive is good for two years from the date that it is issued.

This card is not able to cover other family members or friends.

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



This is a sample of what the Kinship Navigator card looks like.

Please help us thank those grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings and other kin for taking the time to care for our young relatives on this special day for those caregivers.

Free– Access pass to Pacific Science Center for Youth and Foster or Relative 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 our 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 caregiver to come in with them to get the information.



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One year membership is included in the Youth Access Membership with some special extras

Native American Foster Care Support Group Presents

Youth and Family

Mini Pow Wow

May 13, 2017 1-5PM

Grand Entry 1pm ★ Host Drum: Kilshot

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

FREE EVENT ★ LUNCH PROVIDED ★ ALL ARE WELCOME!

DAYBREAK STAR

5011 Bernie Whitebear Way, Seattle, WA 98199



Artwork from upcoming children's book "LOVEBIRDS" by Sondra Segundo

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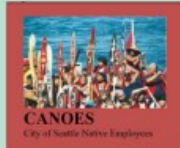
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Soaring to new heights



Haida Art- Raven by Lena London



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