

2025 Policy Initiatives for New York State's Kinship Families





Budget Funding

- \$338,750 for Permanency Resource Centers - The Executive Budget included this amount.
- \$320,500 for the Kinship Navigator The Executive Budget included \$220,500. We request that the <u>Legislature add</u> <u>\$100,000</u> in their Budget proposal.
- Local Kinship Services We request that the <u>Legislature add \$1.9 million</u> or \$950,000 from each house.



Kinship Care Month

Continue to proclaim and celebrate

<u>September</u> as Kinship Care Month in NYS.



Kinship Legal Network

Provide \$8 million in new funding for OCFS to provide legal services to caregivers. **Support or sign on to A. 748 (Hevesi)**.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

We help families in every county of New York State! <u>Please share information like this in your newsletters and social media posts:</u>

Are you caring full-time for the children of a family member or friend? You may be a Kinship Caregiver!

Call the NYS Kinship Navigator at 877-454-6463 Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm - or visit nysnavigator.org. It's all free. The Navigator provides information on financial assistance, legal information and referrals, as well as other issues that caregivers face when raising children in the absence of their biological parents.

Kin4Kids: Natural Bonds, Stronger Outcomes www.kincarecoalition.org | www.nysnavigator.org