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Free and Discounted Resources for Foster & Kinship Caregivers

WASHINGTON STATE AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS

Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD): puts young children across Washington state on a lifelong path to good oral health.

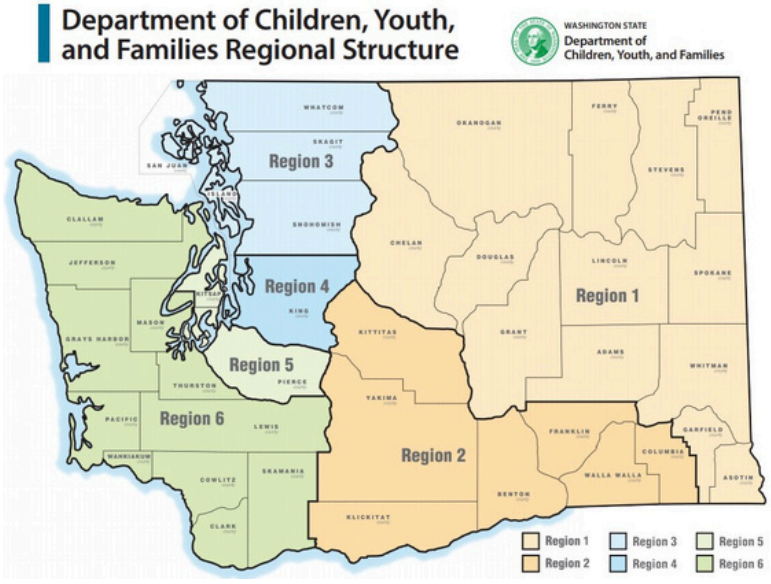
Camping and day use entry to WA State Parks: Free campsite and day use entry to foster and kinship care families with dependent children.

Camp Ten Trees: Residential camping programs for LGBTQ+ youth and youth of LGBTQ+ families.

Camp To Belong: Reunited siblings separated by the foster care system, through a week of camp in the summer and other events throughout the year.

DSHS Reduced Cost Service Guide: The Reduced Cost Services Guide highlights a variety of products and services available in or near Washington state that are offered at reduced cost for people meeting certain income levels

Your best resource for community programs is your local CaRES Mentor. The Alliance CaRES program does not support or endorse any of the listed items; they are compiled for your convenience. If you know of a correction or an item not listed, please let us know by emailing NotifyCaRES@uw.edu.



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WASHINGTON STATE AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Foster love (formerly Together We Rise): Offers many programs supporting youth in care: Birthday boxes, duffel bags, Bikes, Educational Scholarships and more.

God's Closet: Children's Clothing closet in with locations in: Des Moines, East Wenatchee, Lacey, Monroe, Spokane, and Yakima.

IFoster: A free, members-only community supporting children in or at-risk of entry into child welfare, to access the resources and opportunities they need to become successful.

Imagination Library of Washington: Enroll your child online. In 6-8 weeks, your child will receive their first book in the mail, 'The Little Engine That Could'. Books arrive in the mail monthly until your child's 5th birthday.

Kids Bowl Free: Select bowling centers participate in the Kids Bowl Free program.

Royal Family Kids' Camp: Summer camp especially designed with foster children in mind.

Sibling Strong: Reunites brothers and sisters who have Washington ties and who are separated because of foster care and other out-of-home care for camps and events that reinforce their sibling connection.

Team Celebrate: Provides Birthday cards and party supplies in Bellingham, Bothell, Bremerton, Burlington, Cowlitz County, Federal Way, Issaquah, Pasco, Poulsbo, Spokane.

Ted Brown Music Outreach: Scholarships for free or reduced cost instruments. In addition they offer Instrument Exploration Camps.

Treehouse: Offers many programs to youth across the state including educational support, holiday gifts, driver's assistance, a clothing closet and just in time funding program.

**Many regionally based opportunities are open to families from outside that region*. That will be noted in the description.

REGION 1

Blue Zoo | Spokane's First Interactive Aquarium: Foster Children are free. Foster Families with a valid license will receive a 15% discount regular pricing for all passes.

Community Foster Closet Free clothing and other items for kids in care, located at Eastpoint Church in Spokane

Embrace Washington: Provides funds, events and support for foster children including a clothing closet.

The Hope Chest: Clothing closet in Wenatchee.

Mobius Children's Museum: Receive $2 off per person toward daily admission every Wednesday. Families can receive a free 6 month membership through CaRES by contacting aimee80@uw.edu. *Also available to families outside the region.

Project Ella (formerly Stephanie's Closet): Clothing closet located in Colville where teen girls in foster care, teens in need, and victims of DV can "shop."

Spokane Angels: The Love Box program provides fostering families with community and holistic support. The Dare to Dream program provides one-on-one mentorship to youth in care.

Teen & Kid Closet: Clothing closet in Spokane.





REGION 2

Threads of Haven Tri Cities: (formerly Beautiful Threads) Offers a variety of clothing and other items for all ages of youth in foster care.

Compassion Closet: Clothing closet in Ellensburg.

Fostering Solutions: Free art therapy for children aged 5-18 experiencing foster care in the Wenatchee area.

Splash & Swim School: In TriCities offers 20% discounts for foster families. Please show your foster parent license or pocket card to receive the discount.

Voices for Children: Gives buddy bags and has a Wish and Need fund available throughout the Yakima Valley.

REGION 3

Blue Skies for Children: Sponsor enrichment activities like academic and educational services plus Little Wishes and Winter Warm Up programs.

Clothes for Kids: Children who attend school in Snohomish County or the Northshore School District can shop the clothing closet.

Foster Hearts: Provides personal items and life-enhancing opportunities for children in foster care.

Furniture for Foster Families: Offers support with furniture for foster families. Email curttrudy@gmail.com

Kids First Services: Island County organization dedicated to filling unmet needs of local area children in foster care.

Skagit Children's Museum: Museum's For All $3.00/person, up to 4 people (EBT, WIC, CHIP, Provider One, Apple Health, or Foster Parent cards. Proof of eligibility will be required. **Also available to families outside the region.*

Snohomish Aquatic Center: Swimming lessons scholarships available, between 20% to 50% off.



REGION 4

Foster Champs of Maple Valley: Clothing closet and other supports for foster, adoptive, and kinship families.

Fostering Hope Seattle: Programs include Foster Youth & Family Home Essentials and Foster Family Support Group.

KidsQuest Children's Museum: Admission is $3 per person, must show child's Provider One, WIC, Apple Health, or Foster Parent card with you upon admission. **Also available to families outside the region.*

Little Hands Creations: is an arts-based educational company focusing on in-house enrichment classes and camps within the schools and community centers. Wave the onsite classes and camps free to any children in the care of licensed foster parents. Email littlehandscreations@gmail.com with a picture of your foster parent card. **Also available to families outside the region.*

Museum of Flight: Receive 50% off general admission for foster parents and FREE admission for youth. **Also available to families outside the region.*

Pacific Science Center: Two types of discounts available for foster youth. **Also available to families outside the region.*

Seattle Angels: The Love Box program provides fostering families with community and holistic support. The Dare to Dream program provides one-on-one mentorship to youth in care.

Seattle Aquarium: Free for 2 caregiving adults and up to 6 children living in the same household. **Also available to families outside the region.*

Seattle Children's Museum: *Museums for All: $3 per person with EBT, CHIP, Provider One, WIC, or Apple Health *Also available to families outside the region.*

Seattle Children's Theatre: Contact the Ticket Office for details on the SCT for All program. **Also available to families outside the region.*

Woodland Park Zoo: A $35 membership for foster and kinship families. **Also available to families outside the region.*

The Works: Shoreline Public Schools clothing closet.





WA State History Museum: Offers foster families $1 per person or $2 per family. Free on the third Thursday of each month. **Also available to families outside the region.*

The Wishing Well Foundation: Provides Provides clothing, supplies, and experiences to children currently placed in the foster care system in Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

REGION 5

Ali's prom project: Provides formal dresses for youth in care **Also available to families outside the region.*

Enigma Escapes WA: Escape room events offering 10% for foster families. **Also available to families outside the region.*

Kitsap Foster Care Association: Supports youth in Kitsap County by offering the *DREAM Project* grant, up to $75 towards the purchase of enrichment activities. Along with other supports for foster and kinship families.

New Beginnings: Clothing (and other items) closet in Bremerton.

Tacoma Children's Museum: Free memberships for all foster families in Pierce County.

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium: Up to 6 daytime admission tickets for $5 each for you and your immediate family members. An annual Wild Access membership for $40. This household membership covers 2 named adults and all legal dependents ages 3-18. Children 2 and under are always free.

REGION 6

Bridge the Gap: Bridge the Gap provides funds to cover activities, summer camps, etc. for kids in Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania Counties.

Cloth+Foster: Meeting the needs of families and children experiencing foster care through tangible goods, in SW Washington and surrounding areas.

Capital Kids Connection: Christmas gifts, School supplies, $100 wishes for youth to go towards an item or experience of their choice. For children in Thurston, Mason and Lewis Counties.

Compelled to Care: Provides graduation gifts, Care Boxes, and school supplies for kids entering the foster care system. Support dinners in Thurston and Grays Harbor counties.

Dry Tikes and Wet Wipes: Supplements the diaper needs of low-income families. Serving the Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and surrounding area.

Foster Supports of Jefferson County: Services include clothing closet, Kicks for Kids, and Academic Success for Kids Program.

Hands On Children's Museum: Offers a $25 membership to youth with a PEBT card. **Also available to families outside the region.*

Olympic Angels: The Love Box program provides fostering families with community and holistic support. The Dare to Dream program provides one-**on-one mentorship to youth in care.**

Pizza Klatch: Offers support group for LGBTQ+ youth and their allies; held in classrooms during lunchtime at participating schools in the following districts: North Thurston, Tumwater, Olympia, Rainier, Tenino, Rochester, and Yelm Community Schools.

South Sound Foster/Adoptive Clothing Closet: Free clothing for ages 0-12, shoes, gear, strollers, toys, etc.

The Wishing Well Foundation: Provides clothing, supplies, and experiences to children currently placed in the foster care system in Thurston County.

Youth to Teen Essentials: Clothing closet in Shelton.

