



Child Placing Agency & Tribal Child Placing Agency Contact List For Kinship Licensing

Path Toward Licensure

As a kinship caregiver, you have the choice of getting licensed with the state or with a child placing agency (CPA). Getting licensed through a CPA/Tribal CPA can be a good choice if you want:

- Additional ongoing support in understanding and working with the foster care system
- To be licensed with an agency that reflects your culture and specializes in working with families like yours

What is a Child Placing Agency?

A Child Placing Agency (CPA) is an agency licensed by DCYF to complete home studies and supervise children and youth placed in the care of the families licensed by the agency. These agencies share DCYF's goal to reunify families, and they can assist families when a different permanent plan like adoption is needed. Washington is home to many Child Placing Agencies! We encourage you to learn more about the agencies listed in this resource. Here is some quick guidance to get you started!

1. Review this list to learn more about the CPAs and Tribal CPAs that specialize in kinship licensing.
2. Contact them and ask questions about their services to help you figure out which is the best fit for you! Use the "list of things to consider" in this publication as a guide.

State Licensing

- Kinship caregivers work directly with local Licensing Division staff for licensing.
- Kinship caregivers self-advocate for specific needs, services, and resources.
- Services are coordinated by kinship caregiver and DCYF case worker.

CPA/Tribal CPA

- Kinship caregivers work directly with local private agency staff for licensing.
- CPA/Tribal CPA provides advocacy for family and child needs, services, and resources.
- Services are provided or coordinated by the CPA/Tribal CPA.
- Families receive individualized support from the CPA/Tribal CPA.

DCYF's Licensing Division is the licensing authority, whether licensed directly by the State or certified by a CPA/Tribal CPA.

All Families

Foster families receive support from DCYF's contracted partners at the Alliance CaRES Program.

- **For more information visit:**
<https://alliancecares.org>
- **You can also email:**
alliancecares@uw.edu



Things to consider when looking at different CPAs/Tribal CPAs:

- Are you or the children/youth in your home enrolled in or connected to a tribe? Some tribes have their own CPAs and getting licensed by a tribal CPA may be an option for you.
- Where are you located? CPAs/Tribal CPAs generally only license families within a specific region. Look for agencies that license where you are located.
- Are you caring for a youth with higher behavioral needs? Some CPAs/Tribal CPAs specialize in providing therapeutic and behavioral supports.
- Are there specific values you are hoping to see reflected in an agency? CPAs/Tribal CPAs vary in terms of their values, religious affiliations, and the populations they have experience serving.
- Do you want to talk with current licensed caregivers to learn more? You can ask CPAs/Tribal CPAs to provide references.

Child Placing Agencies/ Tribal Child Placing Agencies Serving Kinship Caregivers:

AMARA

Who we are: Amara puts children at the center of all they do and believes in the power of community. When people come together to support each other, we can transform “child welfare” into a system that builds resilience and relationships, so all kids and families thrive. Amara welcomes all kinship families seeking licensure and support!

Who we serve: As an open and affirming organization, Amara is proud to work with all families inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity, and marital status.

Areas served: Parts of King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties.

Amara’s Service Area Map: <https://amarafamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Amara-Foster-Care-Service-Area.pdf>

Phone: (206) 260-1700

Email: kinship@amarafamily.org

Website: <https://amarafamily.org/about/our-mission>

CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS

Who we are: Casey Family Programs works in partnership with DCYF to assist you through the home study process and obtaining your foster care license. Additionally, we can write adoption home studies.

Who we serve: Serving caregivers of youth ages 11 to 17 including younger siblings placed in the home.

Areas served: King County

Phone: (253) 833-8782

Email: SeattleKinship@casey.org

Website: www.casey.org

MUCKLESHOOT

Who we are: The vision for the Muckleshoot Child and Family Services is to ensure a safe and loving home for all Muckleshoot Community youth and their families. Through collaborative efforts for support services within the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and other social service programs, we are committed to protecting our people and communities by remaining dedicated to self-reliance, securing our rights as Indigenous people, and upholding our sovereignty.

Who we serve: Muckleshoot Child and Family Services provides foster care recruitment and licensing, case management, CPS Investigation, prevention services, advocacy for dependent children, and support services for families. We license Native American/Non-Native foster parents who wish to provide care for our Muckleshoot children with active dependencies.

Areas served: King County and surrounding areas.

Phone: (253) 833-8782

Email: ICW.Receptionist@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Website: www.muckleshoot.nsn.us/depts/mcfs



OLIVE CREST

Who we are: Olive Crest is a nationally accredited Child Placing Agency with 50 years of experience working with kinship families and foster families to provide emergency care, short- and long-term care, and specialized therapeutic care for children and youth.

Who we serve: Olive Crest understands the unique challenges caregivers face as they parent children and youth who have experienced trauma. Oftentimes, kinship caregivers have not had the opportunity to plan or prepare for the child's emerging needs. In response, Olive Crest works with local churches and community partners to help caregivers identify and access essential resources.

NORTH SOUND

Areas served: North King, Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties

Phone: (425) 598-2559

Email: inquiry-northsound@olivecrest.org

SOUTH SOUND

Areas served: South King, Pierce, Thurston, and Gray's Harbor Counties

Phone: (253) 572-7888

Email: inquiry-southsound@olivecrest.org

WEST SOUND

Areas served: Kitsap and Mason Counties

Phone: (360) 328-1650

Email: inquiry-westsound@olivecrest.org

Website: www.olivecrest.org

PUYALLUP TRIBE

Who we are: Puyallup Tribe Children's Services (PTCS) is a Child Placing Agency that amplifies the Puyallup Tribe's reputation of being "Generous and Welcoming to All." We provide cultural activities that will align with the placement child's culture.

Who we serve: PTCS license Native American foster parents and non-native foster parents. Cultural experience and connection are big parts of fostering with PTCS, and it is a requirement for all Puyallup Tribal licensed foster homes. They have a dedicated team that is there for you 24/7 (after hours and for emergencies).

Areas served: All of Washington State

Phone: (253) 680-5532

Email: Placement@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov

Website: www.puyallup-tribe.com

QUINALT FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Who we are: The Quinault Indian Nation has always had a system in place to care for its people. The Nation wants to provide safe nurturing homes to our most vulnerable children, the ones that experience abuse and/or neglect. Quinault Foster Care Program is approved by Washington state for licensure and recruitment of foster homes.

Who we serve: Quinault offers foster parent licensing for traditional and kinship/foster homes. Our agency will license any home that would like to be licensed.

Areas served: Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Grays Harbor, Thurston, Pacific, Lewis, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Skamania and Clark Counties as well as other areas on a case-by-case basis

Phone: (360) 276-4405 ext. 8216 or 1 (800) 355-9096

Email: vjohn@quinault.org

SKOOKUM KIDS

Who we are: Skookum Kids believes in building resilient communities where children experiencing foster care can thrive.

Who we serve: Skookum Kids offers foster parent licensing for traditional foster homes, kinship homes, case management, and other support services.

Areas served: Whatcom and Skagit Counties and other areas on a case-by-case basis

Phone: (360) 975-3380

Email: info@skookumkids.org

Website: www.skookumkids.org



UNITED INDIANS OF ALL TRIBES FOUNDATION (UIATF)

Who we are: The UIATF ICW-Foster Care Program is a Child Placing Agency (CPA) contracted by the State of Washington to license homes for Native children in need of out-of-home placements. UIATF provides ongoing support and cultural connections. UIATF provides one-on-one attention to each family to ensure that all needs are met. Offering monthly Family Support Nights with caregiver training and networking while the foster children engage in cultural activities.

Who we serve: We work with caregivers caring for Native children requiring out-of-home care. We work with caregivers throughout the licensing process and beyond, guiding them through the necessary training, paperwork, and other elements to be a licensed home.

Areas served: Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island, San Juan, King, Kitsap, and Pierce Counties

Phone: (206) 285-4425

Email: fostercare@unitedindians.org

Website: www.unitedindians.org/services/foster-care

YMCA

Who we are: The Y of Greater Seattle has been licensing and supporting foster parents and providing individualized support to children and youth in foster care for nearly 35 years. Their team includes case managers, child family therapists, and parent partners who work closely with families to ensure youth thrive. YMCA has extensive experience in supporting youth with a broad range of needs and are equipped to provide therapeutic supports when needed.

Who we serve: The YMCA's foster care program proudly welcomes LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC families and strives to be inclusive. We are on a collective journey as staff, volunteers, interns, and foster families to become an anti-racist and affirming organization and are committed to continued growth and learning.

Areas served: South Snohomish, King, and North Pierce Counties

Phone: (206) 507-5160

Email: jkessler@seattleyymca.org

Website: www.seattleyymca.org/social-impact-center/get-involved/foster-parenting

YOUTHNET

Who we are: Youthnet is a nonprofit foster care agency that has been around for over 50 years. Our goal is to provide comprehensive foster care services to children and families within or at-risk of entering the foster care system. Our services include licensing, caregiver support and case management, 24/7 on-call support, case aide support to eligible youth, and more.

Who we serve: Youthnet is deeply committed to fostering an environment where every family feels supported and empowered throughout their foster care journey. We are proud to welcome couples and individual caregivers of any background including LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, and single or partnered caregivers.

Areas served: Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, and Island Counties

Phone: (360) 420-2206

Email: licensing@youthnetnw.net

Website: <https://youthnetnw.net/programs-services/foster-care/kinship-care-suitable-others-licensing.html>



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