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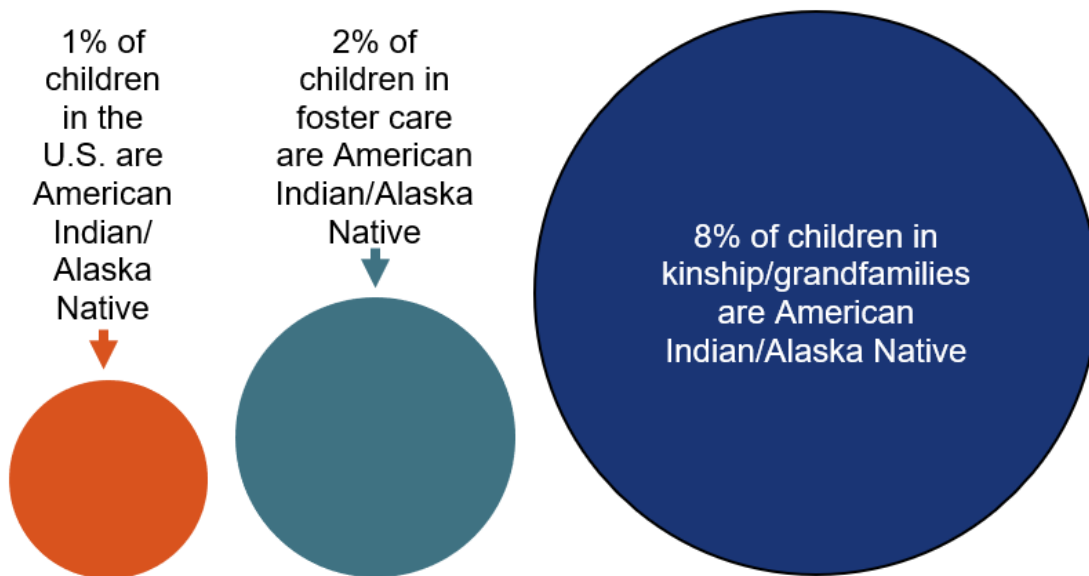
PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBAL FACT SHEET FOR KINSHIP/GRANDFAMILIES

This fact sheet includes national data and information on Port Gamble S'Kallam tribal-specific programs that can assist kinship/grandfamilies. GrandFacts fact sheets for each state and the District of Columbia are also available [online](#).

American Indian and Alaska Native Children Disproportionately Live in Kinship/Grandfamilies

While the overrepresentation of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children in kinship/grandfamilies is likely a product of the centuries-long shameful treatment of this community by the United States and the many inequities this community continues to face, it is also a reflection of their cultural strengths and resilience.

Kinship/Grandfamilies Data¹



¹ The data presented in this graphic is from the [United States Census Bureau](#), the [Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center](#), and the [Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System \(AFCARS\)](#).

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribal Programs That May Help

Port Gamble S’Klallam tribal programs that provide support, resources, and assistance to kinship/grandfamilies can be found by contacting Kinship Care Program Coordinator Star Hagen at starla@pgst.nsn.us.

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe (PGST) kinship definition: Kinship care is full time care and protection of a child(ren) by relatives. The kinship caregivers can be grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, cousins, community members or any person recognized by the child(ren)’s family as having a significant relationship with the child(ren). Kinship care can be formal placement of the child(ren) or informal placement of the child(ren).

Services for Kinship/Grandfamilies

PGST Kinship Parenting Program (Kinship Navigator Program)

Phone: (360) 297-9669

Email: starla@pgst.nsn.us

Service Area: Kitsap County, WA

Description: The PGST Kinship Parenting Program offers trainings to kinship families. Kinship navigators assist kinship families to connect them to available resources.

The program also has a number of outreach events throughout the year as a fun way to bring families together to share food and connection. These events are for all kinship families in the community, both those who are involved with the child welfare system and those who are not. Classes that include cultural activities such as beading, weaving, and food sovereignty are also offered on a regular basis.

Kinship families are invited to attend monthly support sessions that take place both in-person and virtually. Sessions focus on topics such as wellness, child development, trauma, and educational needs. This is an opportunity for families to discuss how these topics impact their lives, share personal experiences, and receive support from peers.

The early development of the program included the leadership of a kinship caregiver who was instrumental in implementing feedback from grandfamilies and kinship families. The program is also informed by

tribal needs assessments, and they are currently working with an evaluator to ensure that the program is aligned with identified community needs.

Funding: The program has both state and federal funding, as well as some tribal funding.

Other Supportive Services

Career and Education Department

Website: <https://pgst.nsn.us/career-and-education/>

Phone: (360) 297-6317

Email: rcox@pgst.nsn.us

Service Area: Kitsap County, WA

Description: Provides support for professional, educational, and employment enhancement, weaving in S’Klallam culture and traditional practices. Serves grades K-12, higher education, and career.

Education – Early Childhood Education

Website: <https://pgst.nsn.us/early-childhood-education/>

Phone: (360) 297-6300

Email: jhaight@pgst.nsn.us

Service Area: Kitsap County, WA

Description: Provides a healthy, nurturing, and safe learning environment that promotes cultural values for children, expectant parents, families, and our community. Serves ages birth to 5 years and caregivers.

Elders Services

Website: <https://pgst.nsn.us/elder-services/>

Phone: (360) 297-9630

Email: shanna@pgst.nsn.us

Service Area: Kitsap County, WA

Description: Provides services, assistance, and support to improve the overall health and quality of life of senior community members. Services include elders lunches (provided during the work week), monthly activities and group trips, dinners, and events.

Foster Care

Website: <https://pgst.nsn.us/foster-care/>

Phone: (360) 979-6021

Email: channa@pgst.nsn.us

Service Area: Kitsap County, WA

Description: Offers foster home licensing, coordinates respite care, supports foster parents and children, and provides culturally relevant foster parent training and kinship support services.

Health Services

Website: <https://pgst.nsn.us/health-services/>

Phone: (360) 297-2840

Service Area: Kitsap County, WA

Description: Provides wraparound services including health, dental, wellness (mental health, behavioral health, and chemical dependency), counseling (mental health, behavioral health, and chemical dependency), community health services, massage, physical therapy, and a workout gym.

Housing

Website: <https://www.pgst.nsn.us/tribal-programs/tribal-entities/port-gamble-housing-authority>

Phone: (360) 297-6346

Service Area: Kitsap County, WA

Description: Offers rental units, rental assistance, down payment assistance, and Section 184 buyer assistance.

Legal Department – Civil Legal Aid

Website: <https://pgst.nsn.us/legal/>

Phone: (360) 297-6209 ext. 5503

Service Area: Kitsap County, WA

Description: Provides legal advice, assistance in accessing forms, draft pleadings, and court preparation. Does NOT offer direct representation in court.

Together For Children/WIC

Website: <https://pgst.nsn.us/together-for-children/>

Phone: (360) 297-9688

Email: shankins@pgst.nsn.us

Service Area: Kitsap County, WA

Description: Offers resources and support for those who are parenting children 0-3 (enrolled before 1 year of age) and who are (a) grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents, or other caregivers; (b) in need of extra support; and/or (c) in need of support getting their child ready for school. Also offers resources and support for those expecting a child.

Youth Services

Website: <https://pgst.nsn.us/youth-services/>

Phone: (360) 297-6277

Email: sdixon@pgst.nsn.us

Service Area: Kitsap County, WA

Description: Provides a variety of opportunities to community youth, with an emphasis on S’Klallam culture and traditions, healthy lifestyles, positive decision-making, mentorship, and life skills that build leadership ability.

Emergency Services

Public Safety

Website: <https://www.pgst.nsn.us/tribal-programs/tribal-government/department-of-public-safety>

Phone: (360) 297-6333

Service Area: Port Gamble S'Klallam Indian Reservation

Description: Provides law enforcement and civil processing services to the Port Gamble S'Klallam Indian Reservation.

Please visit www.GKSNetwork.org for [state and territory fact sheets](#) and click [here](#) for the Washington GrandFacts state fact sheet.

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The Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network: A National Technical Assistance Center (Network) helps government agencies and nonprofits in states, tribes, and territories work across jurisdictional and systemic boundaries to improve supports and services for families in which grandparents, other relatives, or close family friends are raising children whose parents are unable to do so. For more information, please visit www.GKSNetwork.org.

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