



# Child & Family Services Agency

Grand Families & Kinship Support Network Regional Convening 6  
HHS Regions 1 & 3

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Robert L. Matthews, Director



# Agenda

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- Welcome & Introductions
- Kinship Navigator & Subsidy Programs
- Closing Remarks
- Q&A





# *Kinship Navigator*



# KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

The **DC Child and Family Services Agency** administers a robust Kinship Support Program that engages relative caregivers of children residing in Washington, D.C. with the intention of improving community and caregiver capacity to keep children safe and well in the homes of their relatives, the Kinship Navigator Program will enhance the existing services and supports that the Kinship Support Program offers.



**FAMILY ENRICHMENT**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MARKETING & MOBILE APPLICATION**

**SUPPORT GROUP**

**KIN SUPPORT LINE**



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# Kinship Navigator Warmline

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- **Kinship Caregiver Warm Line:** This service line is used to provide referrals and linkages for caregivers to community-based resources that are equipped to address a variety of requests. The support line is available Monday through Friday from 8:15am to 4:45pm at (866)FAM-KIN1 or (866)326-5461.
- **Web-based Community Resource Directory:** Kinship Navigator staff provide robust resources for relative caregivers inside and outside the foster care system, providing referrals and linkage to community services and supports. We are striving to improve community and caregiver capacity to keep children safe and well in the homes of their relatives.



# Kinship Navigator.org Project



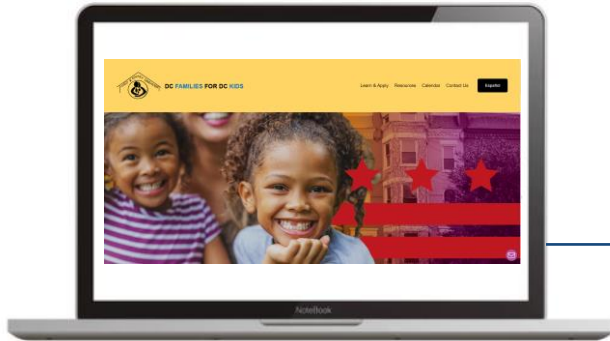
## Our Vision

Develop a webpage and mobile application showcasing all components of the Kinship Navigator Program in addition to, increasing awareness of programming, repositories and services provided by the Agency to both formal and informal kinship caregivers.



# Key Technology Components Under Development

## 1 Marketing Site



Like what was developed for fosterdckids.org by:



## 2 Kinship Navigator Portal



## 3 Native Mobile Application



**Native App**  
Downloadable application accessed by an icon on mobile device

Platform will be based on the STAAND Microsoft Dynamics platform 



# KINSHIP SUBSIDY PROGRAMS:

## Grandparent Caregiver Program (GCP)

The Grandparent Caregiver Program helps low-income District residents who are raising their grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-nieces, or great-nephews. Those who qualify may be eligible to receive monthly financial support to help care for children living with them. If you have questions about the program, email [cfssa.gcp@dc.gov](mailto:cfssa.gcp@dc.gov).

## Close Relative Caregiver Program (CRCP)

The Close Relative Caregiver Program provides a monthly subsidy to assist low-income DC residents who are raising their siblings, nieces, nephews, and cousins. If you have questions about the program, email [cfssa.crcp@dc.gov](mailto:cfssa.crcp@dc.gov) or call (866) 326-5461.

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