

Kin Support Program –

Haa Yatx'u Saani

HELP FOR PARENTS



Parents can work with us when they need a family member to take care of their child temporarily or long term.

Why should a parent apply for services?

- Family Specialists connect parents to supports to navigate life struggles. Services include culturally-based parenting education, voluntary case management, and creating plans to resume custody.
- The Program refers parents to an experienced Independent Parent Attorney who can explain powers of attorney, custody, and guardianship options.
- The Parent Attorney provides **free and confidential** advice, and possibly limited or full representation depending on the situation.

What are the benefits of a legal custody arrangement?

- Children stay safe and out of the OCS foster care system.
- Children maintain cultural ties with their families and community.
- Families maintain control of where the child can live and who can visit.
- Caregivers can access benefits like TANF, childcare, and housing.
- Caregivers can manage school, medical, counseling, and activities.

What are the eligibility requirements?

Our program is open **all Southeast Alaska families** regardless of income or background, as long as OCS does not have custody. There's no application. Just call and speak to a Family Specialist: **907-318-6560**.

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