

# 2023 Policy Initiatives for New York State's Kinship Families





### Maintain Funding

Maintain flat budget funding for Kinship System of Care at \$2,559,250.



# Kinship Care Month

Since 2014, September has been proclaimed Kinship Care Month in NYS.



## Kinship Legal Network

Provide \$8MM in new funding for OCFS to provide legal services to caregivers.



#### **Revise Non-Parent Grant**

A. 2488 Hevesi - Change the way TANF family income is calculated to provide more resources to children in need.

## PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

We help families in every county of New York State! We can provide content like this for your newsletters and social media posts.

Are you caring full-time for the children of a family member or friend? You may be a Kinship Caregiver! Call the NYS Kinship Navigator at 877-454-6463 Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm - or visit nysnavigator.org. It's all free. The Navigator provides information on financial assistance, legal information and referrals, as well as other issues that caregivers face when raising children in the absence of their biological parents.

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