

Supporting Our Anchors



SEPTEMBER 2024

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL KINSHIP CARE AWARENESS MONTH! Did you know? Kinship caregivers make up most of the caregivers supporting Rhode Island children and youth in foster care. Each of these caregivers steps up to support extended family and youth in the community with little notice and manage day-to-day care while also navigating shifting familial roles and the big emotions that come with supporting struggling family or friends. We appreciate each kinship caregiver for stepping up in big ways to Be An Anchor for children, youth, and families in need.

FEATURED EVENT

Sunday, September 8 – 9:00am

NAFI Run4TheKidz 5K

Vigilant Brewing 44 Ballou Blvd. Bristol

Register now at <https://runsignup.com/>

SEPTEMBER ALSO MARKS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH.

Children and youth in foster care are disproportionately impacted by mental health challenges and diagnoses that increase their risk for suicidal thoughts, self-harm, and death by suicide. Prevention starts when individuals are well, and early intervention at the first signs of emotion or behavior changes can give a struggling child or youth hope. Follow [DCYF](#) and [Be An Anchor](#) on Facebook to learn more facts and tips for supporting individuals struggling with suicidal thoughts.

FOSTER CARE RECRUITMENT EVENTS

Rhode Island children and youth need resource families! **The need for resource caregivers and families has reached critical levels.** If you know an individual or family who is interested in supporting Rhode Island children in need, please encourage them to attend an upcoming information session.

Saturday, September 7 – 11:00am-12:00pm

Groden Family Foster Care Information Session

Register on [Eventbrite](#).

Monday, September 9 – 3:00-4:00pm

Groden Family Foster Care Information Session

Register on [Eventbrite](#).

Saturday, September 14 – 10:00-11:00am

DCYF In-Person Foster Care Information Session

PCHC 31 Atwood St. Providence

Register at <https://bit.ly/beananchorinfosession>

Tuesday, September 17 – 5:30-6:30pm

FSRI Virtual Foster Parent Information Night

Register at <https://www.familyserviceri.org/events/>

Thursday, September 19 – 6:00-7:30pm

Adoption RI Foster Care Virtual Information Meeting

Register to receive the Zoom link with Beth at

bcapron@adoptionri.org

Friday, September 27 – 10:00-11:00am

Groden Family Foster Care Information Session

Register on [Eventbrite](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 28 – 10:00am-5:00pm or

Sunday, September 29 – 10:00am-5:00pm

DCYF Resource Family Retreat

ECC 872 Reservoir Rd. Pascoag

DCYF and Be An Anchor are excited to announce One-Day Resource Family Retreats! Join us for a day of learning, growth, and connection! Registration and programming information will be available soon.

Wednesday, October 16 – 6:30-8:00pm or

Friday, October 18 – 10:00-11:30am

Nuts and Bolts of Foster Care

Great for new resource caregivers, or those who are interested in a refresher on foster care basics.



UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Thursday, September 5 – 12:00pm
Boys Town Preparing Your Kids for a Return to the Classroom Facebook Live Q&A
More information and join at <https://www.facebook.com/events/988592436351782/>

Friday, September 6 – 8:30am-5:00pm
In-Person FSRI Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
55 Hope St. Providence
Register at <https://www.familyserviceri.org/events/>

Thursday, September 12 – 6:00-7:00pm
RIPIN The Differences Between IEPs and 504 Plans Virtual Webinar
Register at <https://ripin.org/calendar/iep-vs-section-504-english/>

Tuesday, September 17 – 6:30-7:30pm
Foster Parent College Kick-Off: Kinship Care
Register at <https://bit.ly/fpc-kinship-kickoff>

Saturday, September 21 – 1:00-3:00pm
Mt. Pleasant Library and The Autism Project Neurodivergent Support Workshop
315 Academy Ave. Providence
Register at <https://clpvd.org/event/neurodivergent-support-workshop/>

Tuesday, September 24 – 6:00-7:00pm
RIPIN Natural Supports – Who's in Your Circle? Virtual Workshop
Register at <https://ripin.org/calendar/natural-supports-whos-in-your-circle/>

Monday, September 30 – 6:00-7:30pm
Adoption RI Kinship Care Matters Virtual Kinship Workshop Series
Register to receive the Zoom link with Angela at agomes@adoptionri.org

Tuesday, October 1 – 6:30-7:30pm
Foster Parent College Wrap-Up: Kinship Care
Register at <https://bit.ly/fpc-kinship-wrapup>

Thursday, October 3 – 12:30-1:30pm
RIPIN Two-Part Facilitation Skills In-Person Workshop (for Caregivers of Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities)
Register at <https://ripin.org/calendar/facilitations-skills-part-1-2/>

Friday, October 4 – 8:30am-5:00pm
In-Person FSRI Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
55 Hope St. Providence
Register at <https://www.familyserviceri.org/events/>

BE AN ANCHOR IS WRAPPING UP THE SUMMER FUN WITH PVD FOOD TRUCKS

Saturday, September 14 – 4:00-7:00pm
Meet Our Mentors at Food Trucks at Chase Farm
667 Great Rd. Lincoln

Wednesday, October 4 – 4:00-4:00pm
Warwick Food Truck Night – Crowne Plaza
801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick

Food will be available for purchase from food truck vendors at each event. Find the Be An Anchor team at a vendor table.

FIND BE AN ANCHOR AT THESE FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Sunday, September 22 – 12:00pm-6:00pm
North Providence Fall Festival
Gov. Notte Park 1717 Douglas Ave. North Providence
More information on <https://www.facebook.com/>

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Weekly on Mondays – 6:00-7:00pm
Youth Pride Inc. Little Unicorns group for gender diverse or questioning youth under age 9
Register at: <https://forms.gle/spfYuGMgArhwRoX4A>

Weekly on Tuesdays – 3:00-4:00pm
Youth Pride Inc. Gender Spectrum in-person and virtual group for gender diverse or questioning youth aged 14-23
743 Westminster St. Providence
or join virtually by emailing programs@youthprideri.org

Weekly on Wednesdays – 2:30-3:00pm
Youth Pride Inc. Nuestro Orgullo in-person group for Spanish-speaking gender diverse youth aged 14 to 23
743 Westminster St. Providence

Weekly on Wednesdays – 3:00-4:00pm
Youth Pride Inc. The Way Out in-person and virtual group for gender diverse and questioning youth aged 14-23
743 Westminster St. Providence
or join virtually by emailing programs@youthprideri.org

Thursday, September 26 – 5:30-7:30pm
The Heart Tree Spanish-Speaking Youth Support Group
95 Hathaway St. Providence
For more info email: info@thehearttree.org

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR KINSHIP CAREGIVERS

Monday, September 9 – 8:00-9:30pm
The Village Virtual Grandparents Kinship Group
Join via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87945244572>

Tuesday, September 24 – 10:00-11:30am
The Village In-Person Daytime Kinship Coffee & Connections Group
Register at <https://forms.gle/tS3ZVXcKqXpnVuxWA>

Tuesday, September 24 – 6:30-8:00pm
The Village Virtual East Bay & Cranston Kinship Group
Join via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84049876972>

Tuesday, September 24 – 7:00-9:00pm
The Village Virtual Spanish-Speaking Kinship Group
Join via Zoom at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76064225291>

For more information on joining The Village Support Groups, email admin@rivillage.org or call (401) 481-5483.

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR RESOURCE CAREGIVERS

Monday, September 9 – 8:00-9:30pm
The Village Virtual Single Resource Parents Group
Join via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81485104454>

Tuesday, September 17 – 6:30-8:00pm
The Village Virtual Foster and Adoptive Family Group
Join via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88564416285>

Wednesday, September 18 – 7:00-9:00pm
The Village Virtual Spanish-Speaking Foster and Adoptive Family Group
Join via Zoom at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76064225291>

Thursday, September 19 – 6:00-8:00pm
The Village In-Person Foster and Adoptive Family Group
Pawtucket Public Library 13 Summer St. Pawtucket
RSVP at <https://forms.gle/tS3ZVXcKqXpnVuxWA>

