



# kid'snet

Resources for foster, pre-adoptive  
and kinship families

Kid's Net provides free support for foster, pre-adoptive, and kinship parents who care for children in DCF custody.

We offer services, resources, and help caregivers engage with DCF to address parenting needs.



"I could really use support for my family."

"I really need some advice from another foster parent."

"I'm have trouble resolving an issue with DCF."



## REGIONAL DIRECTORS

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Foster & Kinship Support Services



## RESOURCE AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Training and support groups are available to teach parents about the effects of abuse and neglect, child development issues, as well as other information relevant to parenting children in DCF custody.

## KID'S NET HELPLINE

The Kid's Net after-hours telephone helpline provides emergency assistance when DCF offices are closed. Staffed by social workers experienced in foster care, the Helpline is available from 5 P.M. to 9 A.M. during the week, 24 hours a day on weekends, and holidays.

## FAMILY RESOURCE LIAISONS

Family Resource Liaisons (FRLs) are foster parents who have been selected as mentors and guides for other foster parents. FRLs offer support, advice, and information to all foster, kinship, and pre-adoptive families.

## RESPIRE

Respite provides overnight care for foster children. Parents are entitled to ten nights of respite per year (July 1-June 30), if available. Contact your area DCF office to arrange care.



## CALL US

# 1-800-486-3730

## KID'S NET REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Kid's Net Regional Directors provide families with a wide variety of support & resources. Each Kid's Net Regional Director is committed to providing families in their region with the support they need to best care for the children in their home.



## SHORT-TERM CHILD CARE\*

Child care services provided by family child care providers or by DCF approved caretakers to allow foster parents free time each month. Contact your area DCF office to arrange care.

\*May not be available in all areas

For emergencies, such as:

- Escalating conflict between a foster child and other family members
- Threatening or aggressive behavior that does not require immediate police assistance
- Reporting an emergency room visit



## MASSACHUSETTS ALLIANCE FOR FAMILIES (MAFF)

MAFF is an advocacy association dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for children in DCF care and the families who care for them. To get involved, email [maff@eliotchs.org](mailto:maff@eliotchs.org).

