

## KINSHIP CAREGIVER MONTH

September is Kinship Caregiver Month, if you 're providing a safe and loving home for a child who isn't yours by birth, **YOU'RE A KINSHIP CAREGIVER!** This month, we celebrate the incredible strength and dedication of those who step up for the children they love. Kinship caregivers play a crucial role in providing stability and love to children in need.

Did you know that children in kinship care often experience better emotional and behavioral outcomes compared to those in other care settings? Children in kinship and fictive kin placements are 25% less likely to experience behavioral problems compared to those placed in non-kin foster care. This is a testament to your incredible support and dedication.



There are resources and support systems available to help you every step of the way. The Kinship Navigation Program is here to offer guidance, answer your questions, and connect you with essential services. Reach out to your local Family Resource Center (FRC) for the support that you need.

Whole Village offers a monthly Kinship support group. on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 AM. Join your peers and provide each other with support.

Enroll in our Kinship Navigation Program today by stopping into Whole Village or contacting Jennifer. Hunter@graniteuw.org.



# WHAT'S UPCOMING THIS QUARTER?

Tuesdays at 9:30 am: RAISE Playgroup at Fox Park until October 15th and then at Whole Village

**Starting September 17th Tuesdays, 5:30pm dinner, 6-8 class:** Nurturing Skills Parent Education Classes. Childcare available!

October 26th from 11am-1pm: Veteran Resource Fair and BBQ

**Starting October 28th from 6:30-8pm:** Co-parenting after Separation or Divorce is offered Virtually for four weeks

**Family Fun Night October 18th from 5:30-8** ScareCrow at the Village. Scarecrows are being created, costumes are optional. Register Kristine.Perry@graniteuw.org

**Angels and Elves Holiday Clothing Assistance donations will be accepted soon!** Watch Facebook and your email for registration.

The second Wednesday of every month at 8:30am: Veteran's Coffee Hour at Whole Village

# **ACTIVITIES AT WHOLE VILLAGE**









Whole Village has created a
wellness space for the community
to provide classes to families.
There may be a cost associated
with these classes to compensate
the instructors for their time. If you
know of anyone who would offer
music and movement, family yoga,
mindfulness or other familyoriented classes contact:
Jennifer.Hunter@graniteuw.org





Day of Caring in the Central region hosted 15 sites and 102 volunteers. We are so grateful for all the volunteers who supported the non profits in our communities

Our Director, Jen Hunter spent a morning speaking to the Plymouth Rotary about all the amazing projects happening at Whole Village

#### **Back-to-School Packs**

A very special thank you to everyone who donated to our supplies. The Plymouth Fire Association, Belknap Subaru, Plymouth Rotary, Sarah Tracy, Theresa Mills, Gretchen Williams, Jenny Thibeault, Virginia Giehl, Emmanual Episcopal Church in Ashland, and other anonymous donors for providing all of the supplies to fill 103 packs for those that registered. Extra supplies were shared with Pemi Youth Center and Common Man Restaurant generously donated the ice cream. Thank you to PACC donated gift cards for families who were in need of back-to-school clothing.







### Governor's Challenge NH Statewide Veteran Coaltion Conference

Jen Hunter and Steve Veinotte attended the Governor's Challenge Leadership two-day training with statewide veteran coalitions and state leaders to plan and collaborate on supporting veteran's statewide. We learned how to build and improve upon the work we have begun in the Central Region.





Join us for the Central NH Veteran's Coalition Fair and BBQ for veterans and their families to see all the local programs and services available. Doug Moorhead will be cooking for the BBQ. Registration is required Jennifer.Hunter@graniteuw.org

If you wish to join the coalition, Meetings occur both in person and on Zoom on the 4th Thursday of the month. Coffee hour will be held at 8:30 am at Whole Village on the second Wednesday of the month.



We were able to provide
Summer Camp packs for 51
Families. We had some
generous donors provide
funding and purchased items
such as beach towels,
sunblock, bug spray and
other items. A very special
Thank You to Service Credit
Union and the Jake Deware
Kindness Project for their
generous donations!



Ray Bidwell and his wife graciously provided a luncheon for the Whole Village Staff. They are so appreciative of the support the Kinship program has provided their family. September is Kinship Caregiver Month

Thankful for the Van Otterloo Family Foundation grant to allow us to purchase the Cooperative Co-parenting after Divorce or Separation. We are offering in October please register today!

Thank you to the NH Electric Cooperative and the Plymouth Rotary for the generous donations toward new front doors for Whole Village.

You are not alone! You can contact Whole Village in a variety of ways and keep up to date with events and opportunities with us online.



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When making a donation on Granite United Way's giving page, please be sure to designate your gift to Whole Village Family Resource Center!

# Whole Village Community Survey Results

Your Voice matters. You took the time to respond to our survey and Whole Village is working to implement what you are requesting. The top three towns that responded to the survey were Plymouth, Holderness and Campton. 70% of respondents think Whole Village is a hybrid of Family Resource Center and Community Center. To be more community center-oriented, we have created a Wellness space to be able to have Community Members instruct families on things like music and movement, family yoga, a new parent group, and a Veteran coffee hour.

People identified family support and education, Information and Referral, and Childcare and Child Care Scholarship as the top three services Whole Village should focus on. 68% of people wanted in-person services. We are also offering Cooperative Co-parenting After Separation or Divorce as a virtual model to provide choice in programming.

66% of respondents said email was the preferred method of communication, 51% said social media, and 33% said a newsletter. We have been actively working to make sure we are meeting people's needs. Please email Kristine.Perry@graniteuw.org to be added to the newsletter list.