

# CALIFORNIA KINSHIP NAVIGATOR



California Kinship Navigator (CKN) is a free service for kinship caregivers and current and former foster youth brought to you by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in partnership with Think of Us (TOU).

The California Kinship Navigator (CKN) supports kinship caregivers and current or former foster youth to quickly find and access resources by connecting with a team of Community Responders. CKN invites users to engage with Community Responders, who will talk through options, identify solutions, and take on the administrative work of research, paperwork, and follow-up. To access resources in your local area, please visit the California Kinship Navigator.



## CKN SUPPORTS CAREGIVERS & YOUNG PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA

CKN Community Responders have lived experienced in child welfare and take a holistic approach to resource navigation, assisting with:

- Proactive outreach providing information and access to quality, vetted resources and programs.
- Direct access to resources outside of the child welfare system.

## CALL, TEXT, EMAIL

Local resources for various types of needs:

- Financial support
- Housing
- Clothing/Supplies
- Physical & Mental Health
- Childcare & Activities
- Education
- Legal Aid & Advocacy
- Food
- Employment



California Kinship Navigator webpage  
[www.getvirtualsupport.org](http://www.getvirtualsupport.org)



Think of Us website  
[www.thinkof-us.org](http://www.thinkof-us.org)