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Grandparents and Relatives Raising Children: Joys, Challenges, Supports and Policies Here and Beyond

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Lynn Urvina works at Family Education and Support Services in Olympia, Washington, as the Kinship Navigator for Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties.

Lynn left her career in retail management when it became necessary to care fulltime for an 11 month old granddaughter. That grandchild, who is now 14, was adopted when she was eight. This experience led Lynn to her current work as an advocate for Kinship Families. During her nine years in this position, she has had the opportunity to testify before the state legislature in support of bills that would benefit kinship families, and has also been able to advocate for kinship caregivers in Washington D.C. Lynn serves on the Washington State Kinship Oversight Committee and the newly formed State Kinship Advisory Committee. Lynn represents our state on Generations United's National GrAnd Network of Kinship Caregivers. The Kinship Program that she manages was awarded the 2015 GrandFamilies Award by Generations United.