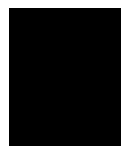


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# WASHINGTON STATE RELATIVE CAREGIVER SURVEY

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## Survey Design and Methods

In March 2002, in collaboration with private stakeholders, three administrative offices within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) conducted a survey of relative caregivers to obtain information regarding the challenges caregivers face and determine which services or policies might alleviate those challenges. The three DSHS agencies are Aging and Adult Services, Economic Services Administration, and Children’s Administration.

Children’s Home Society of Washington collected and entered survey responses into a computer database. The Institute performed analysis on the 2,425 surveys received.

The survey included questions on the following issues:

- Caregiver characteristics (e.g., age, employment status, gender);
- Characteristics of the care-giving situation (e.g., caregivers’ relationship to the children, legal status, number and ages of the children);
- Challenges and needs experienced by kinship caregiver families; and
- What supports or services kinship caregivers currently receive and those they would like to receive.

The survey was distributed to three different groups of caregivers (see Exhibit 1):

- Surveys were distributed to members of **support groups** during regular meetings (group coordinators were provided copies of the survey through the Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) network).
- Surveys were mailed to all families headed by relative caregivers who receive a **TANF child-only grant**.
- Surveys were mailed to all **open child welfare cases** in which children are placed with relatives.

*Exhibit 1*  
**Surveys Received by Group**

	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Number</b>	263	1,741	384	2,425 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Percent</b>	11%	72%	16%	100%

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<sup>1</sup> 37 surveys received (1.5% of the total) were not identified with any of the three groups.

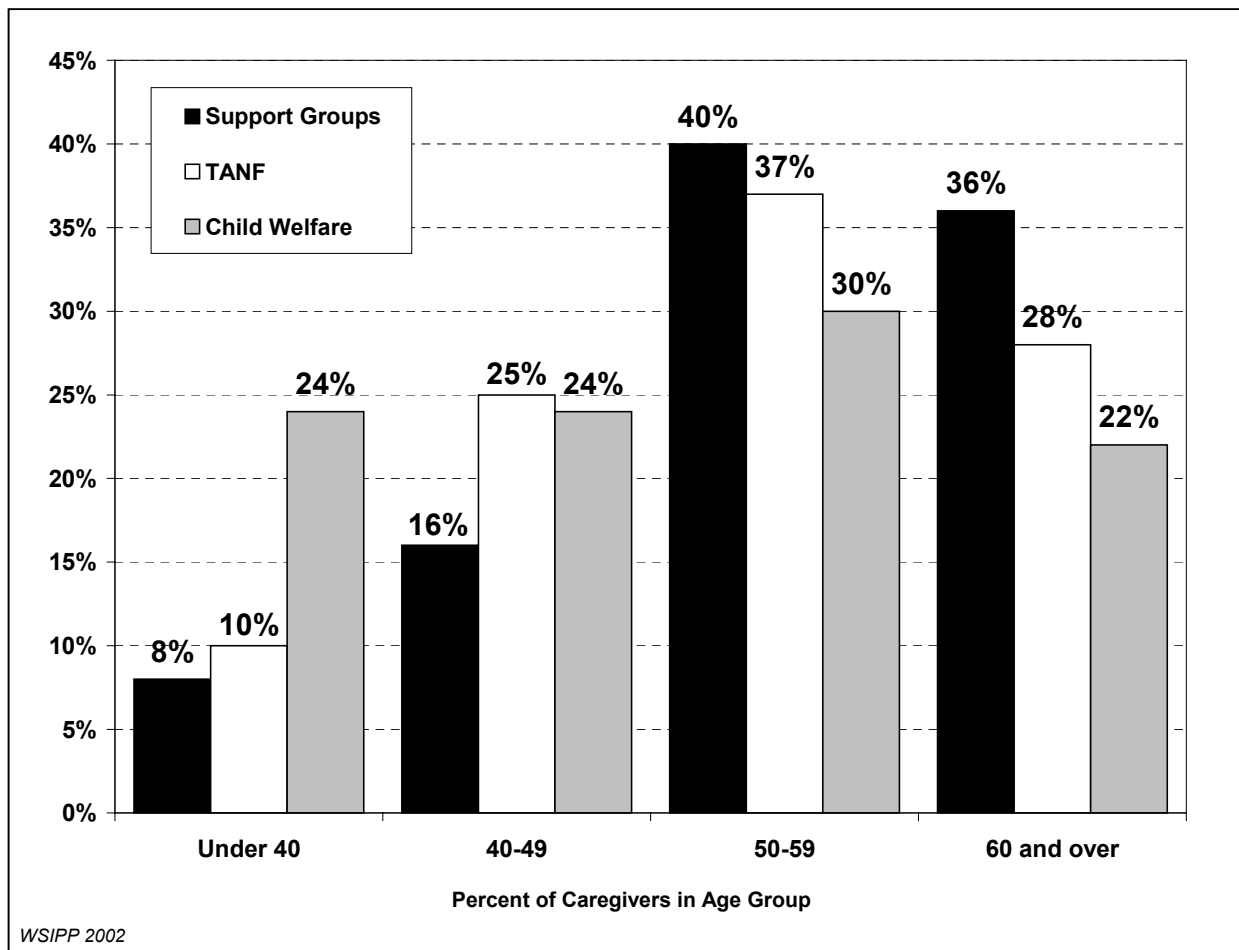
The following exhibits present a summary of responses by survey group. Statistically significant differences between groups are noted by an asterisk (\*). Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. Following the summary of responses is a copy of the survey.

## Respondent Characteristics

**Exhibit 2**  
**Age of Caregivers\***

	Support Groups	TANF	Child Welfare	All
Average Age*	55.4	53.1	49.5	52.8
Median Age	56	54	50	53

**Exhibit 3**  
**Caregiver Ages, by Group**



**Exhibit 4  
Gender of Caregivers**

<b>Percentage of respondents who are . . .</b>	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Female</b>	84%	88%	88%	87%
<b>Male</b>	16%	12%	12%	13%

**Exhibit 5  
Marital Status of Caregivers**

<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Percent married or with a partner</b>	66%	59%	65%	61%
<b>Single, divorced, separated, or widowed</b>	34%	41%	35%	39%

**Exhibit 6  
Ethnicity of Caregivers\***

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>White</b>	80%	75%	80%	76%
<b>African-American</b>	3%	10%	8%	9%
<b>Native American</b>	16%	8%	9%	9%
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	1%	3%	1%	2%
<b>Hispanic</b>	0.5%	5%	2%	4%

**Exhibit 7  
Employment Status of Caregivers**

<b>Employment Status</b>	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Not employed (including retirees)</b>	53%	49%	45%	49%
<b>Employed less than 35 hours per week</b>	11%	15%	15%	14%
<b>Employed 36 or more hours per week</b>	36%	37%	41%	37%

**Exhibit 8**  
**Income Level of Caregivers\***

<b>Income Level</b>	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
Percent earning less than \$20,000/year	36%	40%	35%	39%
\$20,000–\$39,999/year	29%	35%	36%	34%
\$40,000–\$59,999/year	22%	16%	18%	17%
\$60,000/year or more	14%	9%	11%	10%

**Exhibit 9**  
**Sources of Income for Kinship Care Families\***

<b>Income Sources</b>	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
State medical assistance for children*	47%	64%	61%	62%
TANF child-only grant*	31%	64%	66%	61%
Wages/Salary	52%	51%	54%	52%
Social Security	30%	27%	21%	26%
DSSH support services*	13%	19%	21%	19%
Child care assistance*	10%	16%	18%	16%
Social Security Disability (SSI)	14%	17%	13%	16%
Pension*	20%	12%	9%	12%
Food stamps*	8%	13%	12%	12%
Child support	6%	6%	7%	6%
TANF family grant	5%	6%	7%	6%
Foster Care payment*	3%	1%	3%	2%
Other supports (open ended)	<i>Most frequently mentioned as “other” sources of support were personal investments/retirement, family/friends, adoption support, and other forms of public assistance (e.g., unemployment payments or veterans' benefits).</i>			



**Exhibit 10**  
**DSHS Region of Residence\***

<b>DSHS Regions</b>	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Region 1 NE Washington</b>	12%	13%	21%	15%
<b>Region 2 SE Washington</b>	7%	12%	7%	11%
<b>Region 3 Northern Puget Sound</b>	29%	13%	15%	15%
<b>Region 4 King County</b>	10%	18%	20%	17%
<b>Region 5 Pierce/Kitsap Counties</b>	17%	19%	16%	18%
<b>Region 6 Peninsula/SW Washington</b>	26%	25%	20%	24%

**Characteristics of Kinship Care Arrangements**

**Exhibit 11**  
**Number of Children in the Home\***

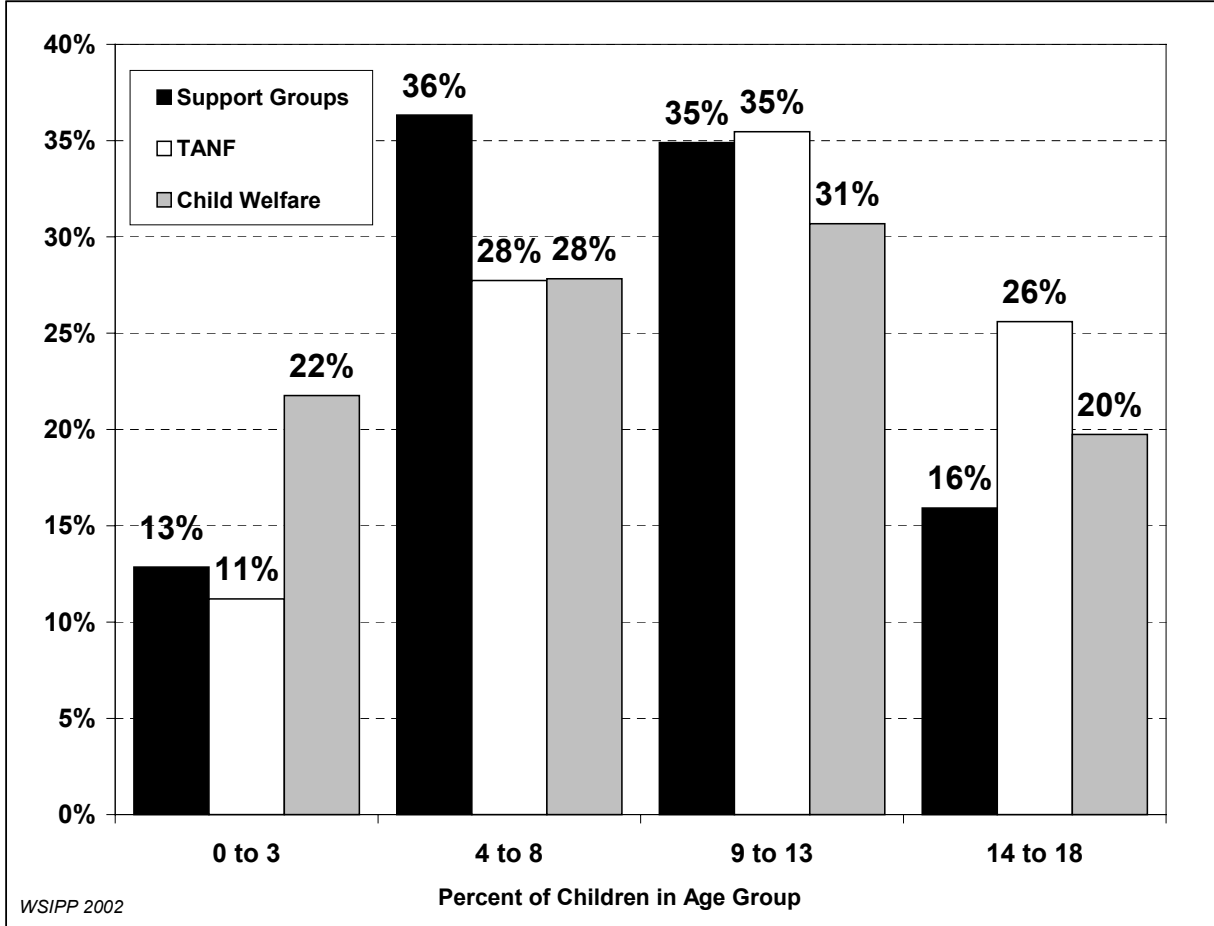
<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Median</b>	1	1	2	2
<b>Percent of respondents with one child*</b>	50%	51%	38%	49%
<b>Two children</b>	26%	27%	29%	27%
<b>More than two children</b>	23%	23%	34%	24%

**Exhibit 12**  
**Age of Children<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Age of Children</b>	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Average age*</b>	8.5	9.8*	8.6	9.5
<b>Median age</b>	9	10	9	10

<sup>2</sup> Approximately 1 percent of respondents indicated they care for a developmentally disabled adult (over age 18). These cases were excluded from the analysis of children's average ages.

**Exhibit 13**  
**Children's Ages, by Survey Group**



**Exhibit 14**  
**Length of Time Caring for Relative Children\***

Length of Time	Support Groups	TANF	Child Welfare	All
Average in years*	5.2	6.2	4.2	5.8
Percent 0 to 1 year	13%	14%	34%	17%
2 to 4 years	43%	30%	34%	32%
5 to 9 years	28%	31%	20%	29%
10 or more years	16%	25%	13%	22%

**Exhibit 15**  
**Caregiver's Relationship to Children\***

Caregiver Relationship	Support Groups	TANF	Child Welfare	All
Grandparent	83%	75%	61%	73%
Aunt/Uncle	8%	18%	27%	18%
Great-Grandparent or Great Aunt/Uncle	4%	5%	7%	5%
Other (e.g., cousin, sibling, family friend)	6%	3%	6%	3%

**Exhibit 16**  
**Permanency of Care Giving Arrangement**

Permanency of Arrangement	Support Groups	TANF	Child Welfare	All
Definitely permanent	59%	69%	60%	66%
Likely to be permanent	26%	18%	21%	19%
Not likely to be permanent	6%	3%	6%	4%
Unsure	10%	11%	13%	11%

**Exhibit 17**  
**Caregiver's Legal Relationship to Child(ren)**

Legal Relationship	Support Groups	TANF	Child Welfare	All
Guardian*	37%	59%	62%	57%
Informal Arrangements*	24%	15%	3%	14%
Third Party Custody / Temporary Custody / DSHS Relative Placement	21%	15%	15%	16%
Other Custody Arrangement	1%	3%	0.3%	2%
Relative Foster Care*	2%	1%	7%	2%
Adopted*	8%	2%	7%	4%
Durable Power of Attorney	2%	2%	1%	2%
Other/Unknown	5%	3%	6%	3%

**Exhibit 18**  
**Circumstances Leading to Kinship Care Arrangement\***

<b>Arrangement Circumstances</b>	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Decision made with DSHS*</b>	9%	13%	50%	18%
<b>Decision made with through the Courts*</b>	29%	27%	32%	28%
<b>Family Decision*</b>	59%	57%	15%	50%
<b>Other</b>	3%	4%	3%	4%

### **Caregiver Challenges and Support and Service Needs**

A series of five questions asked caregivers to indicate what their greatest challenges and needs are, as well as what services they currently receive and which supports would help the most. Responses are summarized below. Differences between survey groups, ethnic groups, regions of the state, and caregiver ages are examined where feasible. Due to multiple answers per question, percentages may exceed 100 when summed.

**(1) Greatest challenges:** *“Which three issues present the greatest challenges related to raising the children who are currently in your care?”*

Respondents were asked to limit their “challenges” to three to determine the leading challenges faced by kinship caregivers. They were given the following choices:

- Housing
- Legal problems
- Your own emotional health
- Child care arrangements
- Your own physical health
- Child’s emotional health or needs
- Your own relationship with the child’s parents
- Lack of access to respite care services
- Child’s behavior
- Finances
- Delaying your retirement
- Paying for child’s medical care
- Child’s relationship with own parents
- Child’s education
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

The three most frequently chosen items were finances (48 percent), child’s emotional health (30 percent), and child’s behavior (26 percent). Challenges were organized into categories for analysis by group. (Each of the exhibits shows the percentage of respondents who checked one or more of the items within each category).

Other challenges mentioned by caregivers included accessing medical care for children, providing care for special needs children, taking care of their own needs (as well as the children), and navigating DSHS agencies’ systems.

**Exhibit 19**  
**Greatest Challenges, by Survey Group**

	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Financial needs</b> <i>(including housing, delaying retirement, etc.)</i>	60%	63%	68%	64%
<b>Concerns about child</b>	64%	67%	62%	66%
<b>Concerns about self*</b>	50%	40%	33%	40%
<b>Access to respite/child care*</b>	33%	26%	29%	27%
<b>Legal problems*</b>	13%	11%	7%	10%

**Exhibit 20**  
**Greatest Challenges, by Ethnicity**

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Native American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Financial needs</b>	63%	66%	60%	67%	63%	64%
<b>Concerns about child</b>	67%	64%	60%	66%	64%	66%
<b>Concerns about self</b>	40%	38%	44%	42%	45%	41%
<b>Access to respite/child care</b>	28%	26%	19%	26%	22%	28%
<b>Legal problems</b>	11%	8%	6%	10%	3%	10%

**Exhibit 21**  
**Greatest Challenges, by DSHS Region**

	<b>Region 1</b>	<b>Region 2</b>	<b>Region 3</b>	<b>Region 4</b>	<b>Region 5</b>	<b>Region 6</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Financial needs</b>	63%	63%	64%	64%	63%	63%	63%
<b>Concerns about child*</b>	73%	68%	69%	66%	62%	64%	66%
<b>Concerns about self</b>	38%	39%	42%	41%	41%	42%	41%
<b>Access to respite/child care</b>	25%	28%	30%	30%	27%	28%	28%
<b>Legal problems*</b>	10%	9%	10%	8%	16%	10%	11%

**Exhibit 22**  
**Greatest Challenges, by Age**

	<b>Under 40</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>60 and over</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Financial needs*</b>	70%	57%	64%	65%	64%
<b>Concerns about child*</b>	73%	67%	66%	63%	66%
<b>Concerns about self</b>	35%	42%	41%	41%	41%
<b>Access to respite/child care*</b>	30%	32%	28%	21%	27%
<b>Legal problems*</b>	9%	14%	11%	8%	10%

**(2) Unmet needs:** *“Which three services or resources could address your greatest unmet needs, but you are not receiving them now?”*

Respondents were asked to limit their “unmet needs” to three to determine the largest unmet needs experienced by kinship caregivers. They were given the following choices:

- Legal services and advice
- Counseling for the child
- Parenting classes
- Medical care for the child
- Transportation
- Working with child’s school or teachers
- Adequate special education services for the child
- Drug or alcohol treatment services for the child, parent, or yourself
- Information about programs and services available to you
- Recreational and social activities for the child
- Respite care
- Child care or baby sitting
- Finding a support group
- Affordable and adequate housing
- Financial support
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

The three most frequently chosen needs were information about programs (35 percent), financial support (30 percent), and legal assistance (25 percent). Unmet needs were organized into categories for analysis by group. (Each of the exhibits shows the percentage of respondents who checked one or more items within each category.) Other social services usually involved recreational activities for the children, counseling, support groups, and/or educational assistance.

Respondents noted difficulties obtaining medical, psychiatric, and especially dental care for the children (and sometimes themselves). Many provided comments on their financial needs.

**Exhibit 23**  
**Desired Services for Unmet Needs, by Survey Group**

	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Financial help</b> <i>(includes housing, medical care, transportation)</i>	43%	45%	42%	44%
<b>Information*</b>	31%	34%	40%	35%
<b>Respite/child care*</b>	42%	27%	34%	30%
<b>Legal help</b>	26%	25%	27%	25%
<b>Other social services*</b> <i>(e.g., counseling, educational assistance, drug/alcohol treatment, etc.)</i>	56%	55%	47%	54%

**Exhibit 24**  
**Desired Services for Unmet Needs, by Ethnicity**

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Native American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Financial help*</b>	41%	54%	52%	58%	54%	45%
<b>Information</b>	34%	38%	31%	36%	35%	35%
<b>Respite/child care*</b>	32%	20%	21%	29%	22%	30%
<b>Legal help*</b>	27%	21%	17%	22%	10%	25%
<b>Other social services</b>	53%	56%	64%	59%	56%	54%

**Exhibit 25**  
**Desired Services for Unmet Needs, by DSHS Region**

	<b>Region 1</b>	<b>Region 2</b>	<b>Region 3</b>	<b>Region 4</b>	<b>Region 5</b>	<b>Region 6</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Financial help</b>	45%	47%	45%	48%	39%	44%	44%
<b>Information</b>	37%	35%	38%	36%	33%	31%	35%
<b>Respite/child care</b>	32%	32%	33%	27%	31%	28%	30%
<b>Legal help*</b>	27%	23%	26%	23%	31%	23%	26%
<b>Other social services</b>	52%	49%	54%	59%	51%	53%	53%

**Exhibit 26**  
**Desired Services for Unmet Needs, by Age**

	<b>Under 40</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>60 and over</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Financial help</b>	48%	43%	43%	46%	45%
<b>Information*</b>	41%	38%	34%	31%	35%
<b>Respite/child care*</b>	30%	33%	32%	25%	30%
<b>Legal help*</b>	30%	32%	24%	20%	25%
<b>Other social services)*</b>	49%	50%	60%	52%	54%

**(3) Current supports:** *“Where do you currently receive help with raising your children?”*

Respondents were asked to indicate all sources of help received. They were given the following choices:

- Spouse
- Friends
- Support groups
- Public social services
- Mental health services
- Other relatives
- Private agency
- Religious organizations
- School
- Family Support Center
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

The most frequently chosen were spouse (47 percent), other relatives (43 percent), and public social services (42 percent). Sources of support were organized into categories for analysis by group. (Each exhibit shows the percentage of respondents who checked one or more of the items within each category.)

Respondents indicated that having children in day care or school can be a big help. Some noted that DSHS has been a source of support. Others reported that they receive no help at all.



**Exhibit 27**  
**Current Supports, by Survey Group**

	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Spouse, other family, or friends*</b>	72%	73%	81%	74%
<b>Public agencies*</b>	28%	46%	35%	42%
<b>Schools</b>	26%	21%	25%	22%
<b>Support groups*</b>	26%	3%	3%	5%
<b>Private agencies</b>	19%	16%	15%	16%
<b>Mental health agencies</b>	14%	11%	13%	12%

**Exhibit 28**  
**Current Supports, by Ethnicity**

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Native American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Spouse, other family, or friends</b>	75%	69%	65%	70%	72%	74%
<b>Public agencies</b>	42%	41%	50%	35%	52%	42%
<b>Schools*</b>	23%	26%	15%	18%	13%	22%
<b>Support groups*</b>	6%	2%	0%	3%	1%	5%
<b>Private agencies*</b>	16%	25%	25%	12%	11%	16%
<b>Mental health agencies*</b>	13%	7%	10%	8%	3%	12%

**Exhibit 29**  
**Current Supports, by DSHS Region**

	<b>Region 1</b>	<b>Region 2</b>	<b>Region 3</b>	<b>Region 4</b>	<b>Region 5</b>	<b>Region 6</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Spouse, other family, or friends</b>	76%	69%	72%	76%	76%	76%	74%
<b>Public agencies</b>	44%	45%	36%	41%	41%	45%	42%
<b>Schools</b>	21%	25%	17%	25%	23%	25%	23%
<b>Support groups</b>	3%	7%	5%	4%	5%	7%	5%
<b>Private agencies*</b>	15%	17%	12%	22%	15%	16%	16%
<b>Mental health agencies</b>	10%	13%	11%	14%	11%	12%	12%

**Exhibit 30**  
**Current Supports, by Age\***

	<b>Under 40</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>60 and over</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Spouse, other family, or friends*</b>	83%	77%	77%	65%	74%
<b>Public agencies*</b>	35%	43%	41%	46%	42%
<b>Schools*</b>	19%	19%	25%	25%	23%
<b>Support groups*</b>	2%	3%	6%	7%	5%
<b>Private agencies*</b>	15%	11%	18%	18%	16%
<b>Mental health agencies*</b>	9%	8%	15%	12%	12%

**(4) Most helpful supports/services:** *“What resources or services have been the most helpful to you as a relative raising a child?”*

Respondents were given the opportunity to comment on which services have been the most helpful. The percentage of respondents providing comments on particular resources are provided. A sample of 400 responses was selected from the TANF group, and all comments provided by the Support Group (230 of 263 surveys) and Child Welfare (334 of 384 surveys) groups were included in the following analysis for a total of 964 responses.

**Exhibit 31**  
**Most Helpful Services Currently Provided, by Survey Group**

	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>DSHS</b> <i>(financial/medical assistance, case management, other services)</i>	33%	76%	63%	61%
<b>Schools &amp; Daycare</b> <i>(includes Headstart/preschool)</i>	21%	17%	18%	18%
<b>Private Organizations</b> <i>(such as churches/nonprofits)</i>	20%	12%	12%	14%
<b>Family/Friends</b>	11%	7%	9%	9%
<b>Support Groups</b>	27%	2%	2%	8%
<b>Other</b>	2%	3%	11%	6%
<b>None/Self</b>	7%	4%	6%	5%
<b>Courts</b>	1%	1%	3%	2%

**(5) Most important changes:** *“There are a number of services, resources, laws, and policies that affect your ability to care for your children. What do you believe is the single most important thing that needs to change to help you and others in your situation?”*

Respondents were asked to limit their responses to a single policy or service to determine which have the highest priority for caregivers. Exhibit 32 categorizes responses. A sample of 400 responses was selected from the TANF group, and all comments provided by the Support Group (N=203 of 263 surveys) and Child Welfare (295 of 384 surveys) groups were included in the following analysis for a total of 898 responses.

**Exhibit 32**  
**Most Important Policy and Program Changes, by Survey Group**

	<b>Support Groups</b>	<b>TANF</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Financial</b> <i>(direct grants or help with housing, transportation, medical care, etc.)</i>	31%	36%	30%	33%
<b>Legal</b> <i>(help with obtaining legal assistance, change in legal status of relative caregivers, etc.)</i>	39%	22%	23%	26%
<b>DSHS</b> <i>(processes should change, caseworkers need training)</i>	10%	15%	21%	16%
<b>Social services</b> <i>(e.g., more support groups, counseling for children and caregivers, drug/alcohol treatment for parents)</i>	13%	16%	14%	15%
<b>Information about services</b> <i>(should be more readily available)</i>	9%	9%	9%	9%
<b>Other</b> <i>(raise public awareness of the issues, miscellaneous.)</i>	10%	11%	13%	11%



**PART II: This part of the survey asks about your needs as a relative caregiver and the needs of the children you are raising.**

9. Please check three issues that present the greatest challenges related to raising the children who are currently in your care (please check **only three** items).

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Child's behavior                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal problems   | <input type="checkbox"/> Finances                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your own emotional health  | <input type="checkbox"/> Delaying your retirement              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child-care arrangements  | <input type="checkbox"/> Paying for child's medical care       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your own physical health   | <input type="checkbox"/> Child's relationship with own parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child's emotional health   | <input type="checkbox"/> Child's schooling                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your own relationship with the child's parents   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of access to respite care services (someone to watch the child to allow a temporary break from care giving) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain:   |  |

10. The following are services and resources for which you may have needs that are not being met. Please check the three services or resources for which you have the greatest unmet needs regarding the children in your care (please check **only three** items).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal services and advice   | <input type="checkbox"/> Child care or baby sitting           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling for your child   | <input type="checkbox"/> Finding a support group for yourself |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting classes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable and adequate housing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical care for the child  | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial support                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with child's school or teachers   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate special education service for your child                                     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug or alcohol treatment services for your child, parent or yourself                 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information about programs and services available to you                              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational and social activities for the child                                      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respite care (someone to watch the child to allow a temporary break from care giving) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain:  |   |

11. Where do you currently receive help with raising your children? (Please check all that apply)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other relatives         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends   | <input type="checkbox"/> Private agency          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support groups                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public social services (state, county, or city) | <input type="checkbox"/> School                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health services                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Support Center   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain:                          |  |

12. What resources and/or services have been the **most helpful** to you as a relative raising a child?

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13. There are a number of services, resources, laws, and policies that affect your ability to care for your children. What do you believe is the **single most important** thing that needs to change to help you and others in your situation?

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**PART III: Your name is not on this survey and the information you provide is anonymous. The following questions are optional. However, this information will be very helpful. Please tell us about yourself.**

14. Choose the category that best describes your current situation:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married  | <input type="checkbox"/> With a Partner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single   | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced | <input type="checkbox"/> Separated      |

15. Are you employed?  Yes  No If yes, approximately how many hours do you work each week? \_\_\_\_/week

16. Including yourself, how many over age 18 persons currently live in your home? \_\_\_\_  
How many under age 18 persons currently live in your home? \_\_\_\_  
How many of these persons do you financially support? \_\_\_\_

17. In which county do you live?

18. What is your age?

19.  Male  Female

20. Which of these groups best describes your national origin?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American or Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Please specify: |

21. Are you currently receiving income or income assistance from any of the following sources? (check all that apply)

- Wages, Salary (yours or your spouse's)
- Social Security
- Social Security Disability (SSI) Payments
- Pension
- Child Support
- Non-Needy Relative TANF grant ("child-only grant")
- Foster Care Parent payment
- TANF grant for yourself and children
- Food Stamps
- State medical assistance for your child(ren)
- Child Care Assistance (Working Connections Child Care)
- Support services provided by the Division of Children and Family Services/DSHS
- Other, please explain:

22. What is your total annual household income from all sources?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$5,000    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 to \$9,999   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 to \$19,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to \$29,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 to \$39,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 to \$49,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$59,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 to \$69,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000+            |   |

23. What other comments would you like to share?

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**Thank you for participating in this survey!**