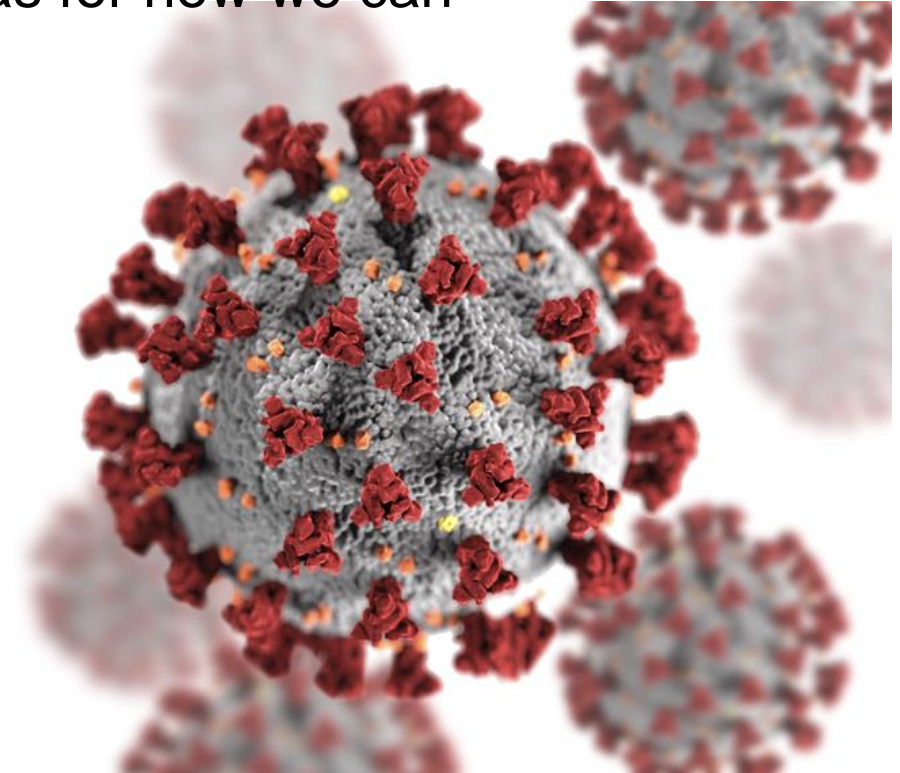




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**DEPUTY DIVISION DIRECTOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL**

# COVID-19 Pandemic response

- Reopening
- Telework
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Direct questions about returning to in-person work or ideas for how we can facilitate the safe return of staff to work to [DFCSCovidQuestions@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:DFCSCovidQuestions@dhs.ga.gov)



## 2020 State of Hope Sites Announced!

Greetings Hope Givers,

We are excited to announce that the third application round has concluded. After a robust submission season, **17** local community organizations have been selected to join the SoH Ecosystem. Our mission is to cultivate family-centered support systems by connecting, equipping, and nurturing these diverse community collaborators:

- **Three Circles Foundation** – Region 1
- **LIFT Youth Services** – Region 1
- **Future Shepherds** – Region 4
- **Team-Up Mentoring** – Region 5
- **Family Promise of Athens** – Region 5
- **Oconee Area Resource Council** – Region 5
- **Communities in Schools - Augusta Richmond County** – Region 7
- **Quitman County Family Connection** – Region 8
- **Enrichment Services Program** – Region 8
- **Sylvester-Worth County Family Connection** – Region 10
- **Early County Family Connection** – Region 10
- **Georgia Pines Community Service Board** – Region 10
- **Lanier Commission for Children** – Region 11
- **Okefenokee Alliance for the Homeless** – Region 11
- **Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council** – Region 12
- **United Way of the Coastal Empire** – Region 12
- **Osborne High School** – Cobb County – Region 13

We look forward to supporting these groups with their SoH efforts that focus on one or more of four opportunities for hope: **Education, being/becoming Trauma-Informed, Quality Caregiving and Economic Self-Sufficiency**. These are the priority areas that we believe will have the greatest impact on keeping children safe, strengthening families and empowering communities.

[For more information](#) or to be added to the SoH mailing list, email [StateofHope@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:StateofHope@dhs.ga.gov).

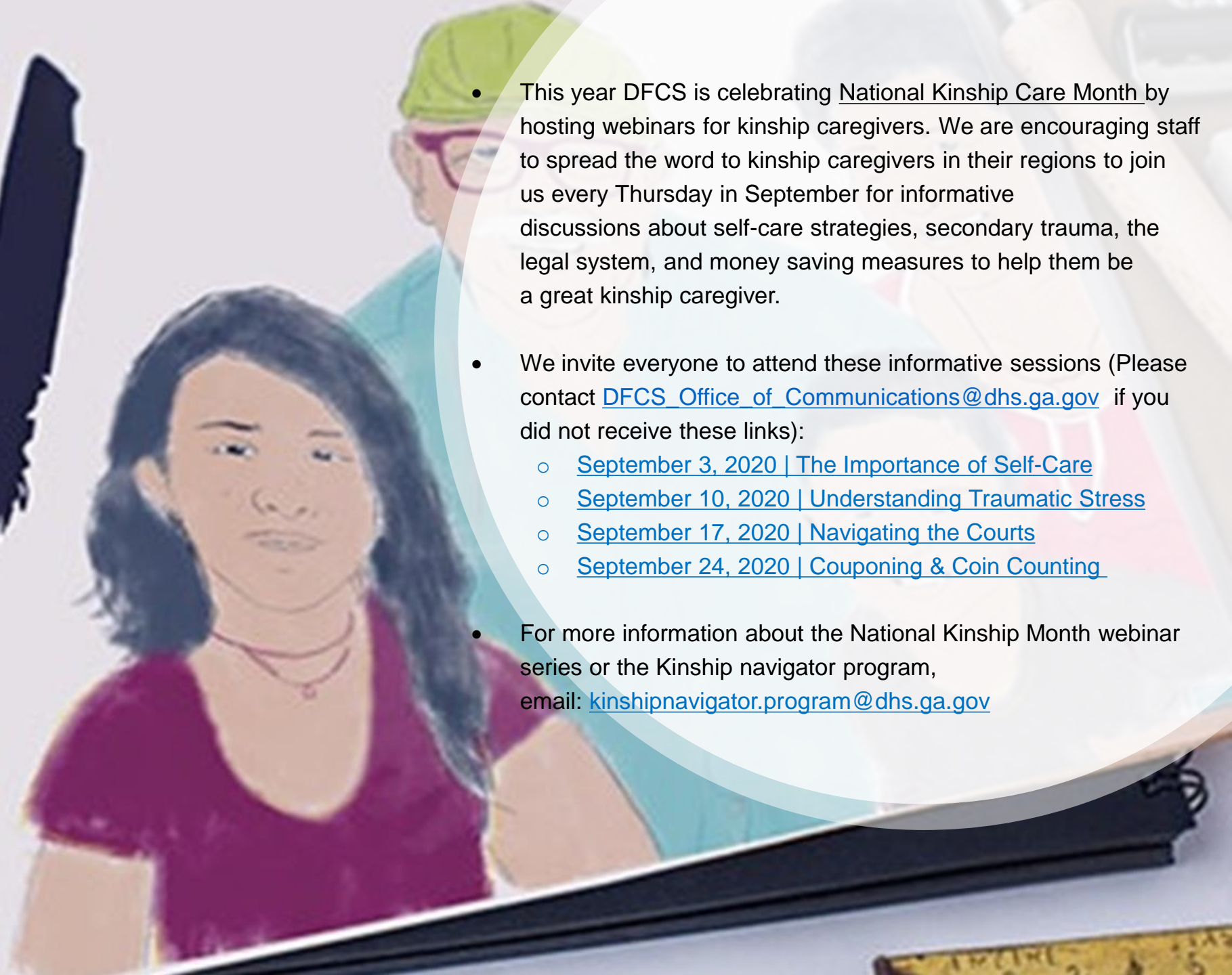
In Hope,

Tom Rawlings  
Division Director



# #YES WE KIN!

KINSHIP CARE MONTH



- This year DFCS is celebrating National Kinship Care Month by hosting webinars for kinship caregivers. We are encouraging staff to spread the word to kinship caregivers in their regions to join us every Thursday in September for informative discussions about self-care strategies, secondary trauma, the legal system, and money saving measures to help them be a great kinship caregiver.
- We invite everyone to attend these informative sessions (Please contact [DFCS Office of Communications@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:DFCS_Office_of_Communications@dhs.ga.gov) if you did not receive these links):
  - [September 3, 2020 | The Importance of Self-Care](#)
  - [September 10, 2020 | Understanding Traumatic Stress](#)
  - [September 17, 2020 | Navigating the Courts](#)
  - [September 24, 2020 | Couponing & Coin Counting](#)
- For more information about the National Kinship Month webinar series or the Kinship navigator program, email: [kinshipnavigator.program@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:kinshipnavigator.program@dhs.ga.gov)