

## **Michigan's Children and the Kinship Care Resource Center, MSU School of Social Work**

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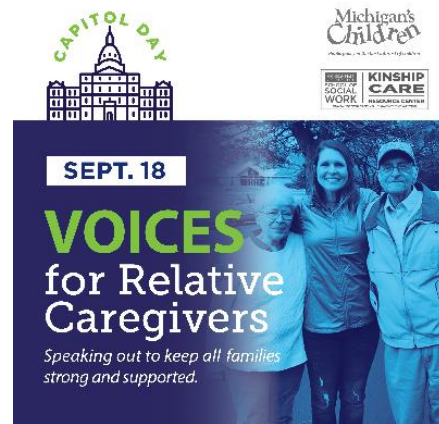
Representatives Kathy Crawford (R-38<sup>th</sup> District) and  
Frank Liberati (D-18<sup>th</sup> District)

Welcome you to our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual

### **Relative Care Day at the Capitol**

September, 18, 2019

This Relative Care Capitol Day is a rare opportunity for legislators and other policy makers to hear relative care-givers of all types – grandparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings and others, along with the young people they are caring for, directly share their concerns and recommendations. We are highlighting the experience and expertise of caregivers who are formally in our child welfare, foster care and adoption systems as well as those who are more informally providing care for their families. There is a lot we don't know about how to support relative caregivers, so we need to make time and space to ask them and the young people they are caring for!



### **Lunch Session: 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

John Wesley Room  
Central United Methodist Church  
215 N Capitol Ave, Lansing, MI 48933

#### Lunch Speakers:

**Alicia Guevara-Warren, Kinship Resource Center, Michigan State University**

**Michele Corey, Michigan's Children**

**Representative Frank Liberati, Co-Sponsor**

**Representative Kathy Crawford, Co-Sponsor**

**Stacie Bladen, Deputy Director, Children's Services, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**

*Following the speakers' brief remarks, the caregivers, young people, professionals that serve them and other critical decision makers will be able to talk together about critical issues of concern, recommendations for improvement and next steps moving forward.*

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**The Kinship Care Resource Center (KCRC)** is a non-profit statewide organization through the School of Social Work at Michigan State University. The mission of the Kinship Care Resource Center is to support Michigan's kinship families by utilizing research to provide education and outreach to communities and agencies supporting kinship families and offer information and referral services to relatives raising relative children. The KCRC strives to ensure that all current and prospective kinship caregivers are supported and connected with resources and services that they need, and that all children in kinship care families achieve or maintain safety, permanency and well-being.



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