

# NEW MEXICO COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

## COMMUNITY WEBINAR SERIES: KINSHIP-GUARDIANSHIP ISSUES AND RESOURCES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020  
12:00pm-2:00pm

This webinar is designed to provide information to community based organizations on kinship-guardianship issues including resources and options for addressing those issues.

- Kinship Guardianship is a legal relationship that is established between a minor child and the adult caring for that child.
- Basic information, advice, and assistance

Representatives from non-profit organizations, educational institutions, health care providers, social service agencies, local government, libraries, faith-based associations, and the business community are encouraged to register for this free webinar. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions.



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### PRESENTERS:

**Sophie Asher** came to New Mexico from Seattle in 2012 and graduated from UNM Law in 2015. She worked as a public defender in Albuquerque, focusing on misdemeanors and the Native American Healing to Wellness Court. At Pegasus she works in the kinship guardianship program to help care givers gain legal guardianship of children. Sophie also teaches Kindergarten and First Grade at Congregation Albert Sunday School.

**Mariel G. Willow, JD**, assists grandparents and other caregivers in obtaining legal guardianship of children. Mariel received her B.A. from University of New Mexico in 2010, and her J.D. from Tulane University School of Law in 2014. Mariel returned home to New Mexico and began her legal work as a staff attorney with DNA-People's Legal Services. Prior to joining Pegasus, Mariel was an Assistant District Attorney in Bernalillo County



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