Kinship Care
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NYS KINSHIP NAVIGATOR
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Funded by New York State Office of Children and Family Services to provide a statewide information, education, and referral service for kinship caregivers and professionals interested in kinship care.

Grandparents, Relatives and Family Friends Caring for Children:

- Are You Looking For Financial Assistance?
- Are You Looking For Information On Your Legal Rights?
- Are You Seeking Support?

We Can Tell You About:

- Kinship Laws.
- Special Public Benefits for Non-Parents Caring for Children.
- School Enrollment, Birth Certificates, Tax Credits and other common concerns for kinship families.
- Specialized Kinship Services.

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Kin become full time caregivers when parents cannot provide care. The causes are diverse, including parents who are incarcerated, mentally ill, have abandoned their children, are deceased, or who have substance abuse problems, as well as parents who need temporary caregiver help due to military deployment, employment duties, or other personal needs.

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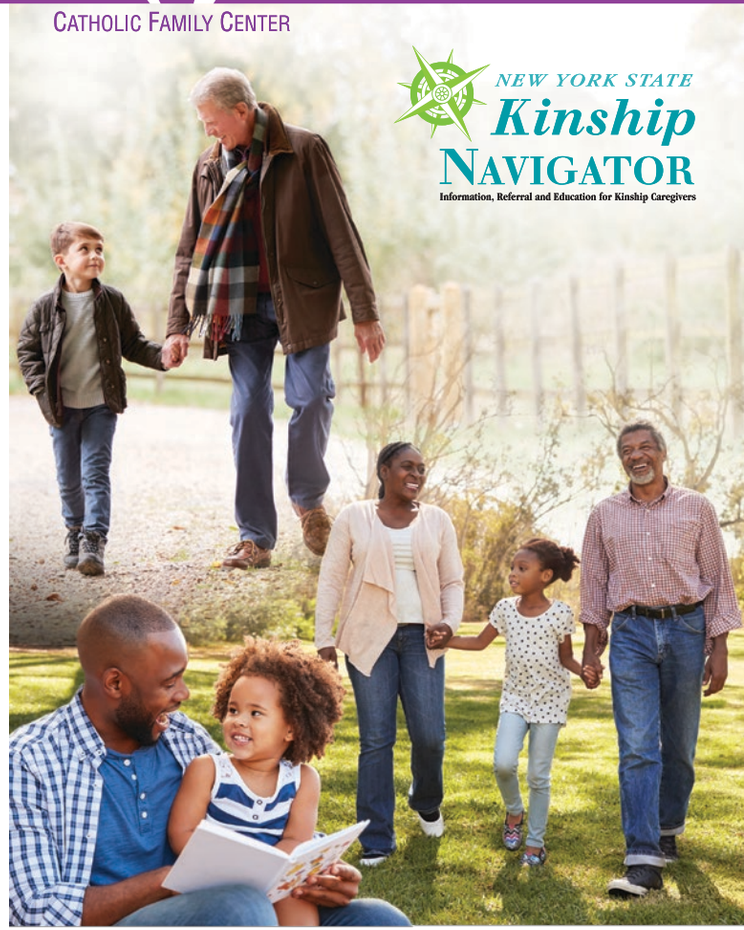

Help for Kinship Caregivers
Grandparents, relatives and family friends who are full time caregivers of children

Serving all 62 New York State counties via toll free helpline and website

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Call the Kinship Navigator 877-454-6463

Kinship Navigators are Available 10am-4pm Monday-Friday to Help with:

- Identifying local resources and connecting caregivers with kinship programs in their area.
- Informing on state and federal laws.
- Assisting with applying for Public Benefits.
- Providing access to local kinship resources and assistance.

Professional Assistance

Our Kinship Navigators provide individualized information:

- Access to kinship professionals.
- Attorneys specializing in Family Court.
- Experts on public assistance, social security and education law.
- Local collaborations via Permission to Contact Procedure, providing a referral from department child welfare and public assistance staff to Kinship Navigator.

Visit the Website

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The NYS Kinship Navigator website provides:

- Interactive New York State map - click on a county and find local resources.
- Online chat feature during business hours.
- Online Education via informational video primers.
- Links to state and national resources.
- Calendar of kinship events across the state.
- Legal fact sheets and guides for kinship caregivers.
- "Contact us" link to email Kinship Navigator.
- Articles by well known kinship experts.
- Information and resources for professionals.
- Policy papers and publications.

Training and Advocacy

The NYS Kinship Navigator provides education for kinship programs and local agencies:

- Trainings, seminars and workshops for caregivers and/or professionals.
- Legal trainings (CLE's) for attorneys.
- Assistance in building local partnerships with public and private agencies.
- Development of local coalitions.
- Access to research on policies and best practices.
- Participation in our caregiver/youth advisory council.
- Statewide leadership for the kinship community.
- Collaboration Agreements with kinship service providers and agencies.