

ARE YOU. . .

- A grandparent raising grandchildren?
- An aunt or uncle raising nieces or nephews?
- Over 55 raising a relative child under 18?
- A sibling raising a brother or sister?
- A cousin raising your cousin's children?
- Raising children of a family member in jail?
- Raising a child under 18 not born to you?

If you answered YES, then we are here to help.

THE RELATIVES AS PARENTS PROGRAM

The Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) is designed to assist grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the role of primary caregiver for related children.

Offers a wide range of services:

- Support Group for adults that offers a social network of grandparents and relatives.
- Monthly Respite Care and Special Respite Nights for participating families.
- Referral and access to appropriate community based services and resources.
- Education and training to learn new parenting and coping skills.



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Children & Families
Since 1890

Children's Aid Society was founded in 1880 and currently offers the following programs:

Big Brothers Big Sisters	1985
Adoption	1986
Childcare	1989
Nurturing Program	1995
Healthy Marriage Program	2006
Pre-K Counts	2007
Keystone Babies	2010
Relatives As Parents Program	2010

The mission of Children's Aid Society is to provide services to improve the quality of life of children and families. We are a private, non-profit, non-sectarian agency governed by a volunteer board of directors, with IRS 501 (c)(3) classification. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or physical ability.

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SUPPORT GROUP

A place to come together with other grandparents and relative care providers to:

- Share the struggles, setbacks and successes of parenting a second time around.
- Learn, receive and provide support to and from peers.
- Discover tips for coping with changing family dynamics.
- Gather information about available community resources.
- Understand effective ways to negotiate with outside service systems.

Meets the third Monday of every month at 6:00pm at Children's Aid Society.

Child Care is Available!

Coffee and Refreshments Provided!



A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend.

~Author Unknown



To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there.

~Barbara Bush

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- One out of every twelve children lives in a household headed by a relative other than their parent.
- Approximately six million children nationwide are being raised by their grandparents or relatives.
- Grandparent-headed households are the fastest growing type of family in the United States.
- Many of these special families have come together because of difficult family situations such as substance abuse, divorce, parental incarceration, or similar circumstances.
- A significant number of grandparents and relatives have informal custody and do not know how this will affect their ability to care for and make decisions on behalf of the children in their care.

RESPIRE CARE

Respite Care can provide a much needed break for grandparents and other relative caregivers, giving them a balance between caring for their grandchildren with caring for themselves.

Support Group participants may be eligible to receive a special voucher for FREE Drop-In Care once a month at Children's Aid Society Child Care & Early Learning Center.

SPECIAL RESPIRE NIGHTS

Support Group participants are eligible for two free special respite nights a year. Relatives as Parents staff will provide child care at Children's Aid Society Child Care & Early Learning Center while participants can use the time to go shopping, go on a date with their spouse, or just rest and take a break from the responsibilities of raising children for a few hours.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Nurturing Parenting Program:

Free parenting program that strengthens families by giving parents and children the tools needed to create a happy home life.

Healthy Marriage Program:

Free marriage education and enrichment program that provides married couples with tools to support a happy, healthy relationship.