

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group



Help is available for grandparents and other relative caregivers who are caring for children.

Who Needs Help?

- In Illinois, over 200,000 children are being raised in grandparent-headed households.
- In the United States, over 2 million children are being raised by their grandparents or other relatives.
- Grandparent caregivers range in age from 30 to 90!
- Average income for these caregivers is between \$15,000 and \$25,000.
- The majority of these caregivers are single women

Reasons Why?

- Death of a Parent
- Child Abuse And/Or Neglect
- Abandonment
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- HIV/AIDS
- Unemployment
- Incarceration
- Divorce
- Mental Health Problems
- Family Violence
- Poverty

How We Help

Waukegan Township understands that many grandparents and relative caregivers are overwhelmed by the situations they face.

By networking with other caregivers in similar situations, grandparents don't feel so isolated and alone.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group meets - at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

We provide experts prepared to address the particular needs faced by these courageous seniors for approximately one hour. The children are separated and address a topic similar to what the adults are discussing. Afterward, families are encouraged to share a meal and discuss the particular topic.

Who is Eligible for Help?

- Grandparents and other relatives who have primary responsibility for raising children.
- Grandparents and other relatives who are partial caregivers on a regular basis

How Can We Help?

The Waukegan Township Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group can provide support and coaching to help grandparents and other relative caregivers cope better.

Park Place - Support Groups

Alzheimers Support Group

With the Support of the Alzheimer's Association, for families of people with any type of memory impairment – Facilitated by June Melber, Psychiatric Nurse Specializing in Leading Groups & Helping Families; **The 4th Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Cancer Support Group

Facilitated by Striving & Surviving. **Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Diabetes Support Group

Facilitated by Vista Health, **Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

Grandparent's Raising Grandchildren Support Group

Facilitated by Park Place Staff. **Meets the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Childcare is provided. Relative caregivers meet with a speaker for approximately ½ hour, then gather with children for dinner and a discussion of the topic of the speaker.

Grief Support Group

Facilitated by Vitas Innovative Hospice Care – **Meets the 1st Friday of each month from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Lollie Drew Low Vision Support Group

Facilitated by Park Place staff. **Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Speaker/Discussion..

Spanish Support Group

Facilitated by Park Place staff. **Meets the 2nd Friday of each month from 11:30 am– 12:30 pm.** Speaker/Discussion.