Relative & Grandparent Caregivers

**Monday, Nov 07**

**Video Resource to Share:** Relative As Parents: [53) Kinship Brings Change - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53)

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"According to the five-year estimates from the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS), 2,741,869 children were living with grandparents who were responsible for most of their basic needs."

Supporting Grandparents Raising grandchildren (SGRG) Act Initial Report to Congress
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**Respite Care for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

- Respite care provides short-term relief for family caregivers.
- Apply for a respite grant, and hire a friend, family member, neighbor, or your provider of choice.
- RCAW serves all 72 counties and 11 federally recognized tribes.
- FREE training opportunities for family caregivers and respite care providers.
- Find a respite provider on the Wisconsin Respite Care Registry.

**Info**

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**Support & Resources for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

- **Kinship Navigator Portal** - Helps find the right resources to help with medical care, support payments, and more. [dcf.wisconsin.gov/kinship/navigator](http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/kinship/navigator)

- **The Coalition of Children, Youth, and Families** - Tools and resources to help foster and adoptive families create a network of support through webinars, newsletters, informational tip sheets, free lending library, and more. [coalitionforcyf.org](http://coalitionforcyf.org)

- **Wisconsin Foster Care and Adoption Resource Center** - Resources and support to help grandparents and other relatives who are raising their relatives’ children. [wifostercareandadoption.org](http://wifostercareandadoption.org)

- **Wisconsin Adoption & Permanency Support Program** - Resources for adoptive and other families such as a support group and mental health professionals’ directory, toll-free telephone support, newsletter, educational opportunities, etc. [wisapsp.org](http://wisapsp.org)

- **Wisconsin Shares** - Child Care Subsidy Program helps eligible families pay for childcare. [dcf.wisconsin.gov/wisshares](http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wisshares)

- **Grandparenting Today** - Publications and fact sheets about the changing roles of grandparents, child development, child rearing, discipline, education, nutrition, and other pertinent topics for grandparents raising children. [grandkidsmatter.org](http://grandkidsmatter.org)

- **Generations United** - An organization that works to support grandfamilies and intergenerational communities through public policies, collaborations, and programs. [www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org)

- **Wisconsin Kinship Care** - State site devoted to the Kinship Care program that supports grandparents and other relative caregivers. [dcf.wisconsin.gov/kinship](http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/kinship)

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Resource to share: [GrandFacts: Data, Interpretation, and Implications for Caregivers](http://GrandFacts: Data, Interpretation, and Implications for Caregivers)

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- **Connect with the Community** - Community-based programs can help decrease isolation, disconnectedness, and burnout.

- **Educate** - Developmental norms, appropriate discipline, uses and boundaries while using technology require education for many Grandparents raising Grandchildren.

- **Offer Respite** - Breaks for Grandparents could look like time for exercise, medical appointments, meditation, housekeeping, or errand running.

  Connect with a Kinship Coordinator for local resources.

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- [Family Caregiver Survey](#) or by scanning
- [Siblings’ Choice Award](#)

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