

RELATIVE & LIKE-KIN CAREGIVER RESOURCE GUIDE



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

- Join the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Group—a welcoming space for grandparents, guardians, and caregivers. Here, you'll have the chance to connect, learn, and share resources as you navigate the rewarding journey of raising grandchildren.
- Waukesha County Health & Human Services; 514 Riverview Ave., Waukesha, WI
 - Contact information: grandparentgroup@waukeshacounty.gov
- **Gather with Us:** Engage in supportive group sessions where you can exchange stories and advice on parenting young ones.
- **Find Support:** Benefit from the guidance of experienced facilitators who can help you through life changes, grief, healing, and emotional challenges.
- **Activities for Kids:** While you're in session, kids can join age-appropriate groups, making new friends and learning together.
- **Enjoy a Meal:** Share a warm meal with us, with the convenience of childcare provided.
- All programs are **FREE OF CHARGE** for attendees who register. Join us for support, community, and shared experiences.

Coalition for Children, Youth & Families

- When families navigate child welfare & adoption, they face a complex system that can leave them feeling isolated & overwhelmed. The Coalition offers support, resources & connections to move forward with confidence.
 - <https://coalitionforcyf.org/>

Juvenile Court in Waukesha County

- Questions regarding custody cases, or to file a guardianship petition, etc.
 - Phone: 262-548-7449 | Fax: 262-896-8397
 - Waukesha County Juvenile Center
 - Room: JC-103
 - 521 Riverview Ave.
 - Waukesha, Wisconsin 53188

● Voluntary Kinship Care in Waukesha County

- A program that provides financial support for eligible relative caregivers. Those eligible may qualify for financial or medical assistance as well as a childcare subsidy.
- www.wcfostercare.com
- Email: fostercare@waukeshacounty.gov
- Call (262) 548-7373

● Wisconsin Kinship Navigator

- Helps relatives know where to start in navigating “the system”. They will answer basic questions about their family situation and be guided to a list of applicable resources and contacts.
- <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/kinship/navigator>

● Wisconsin Dept. of Children & Families; Relative Caregiver Guided Search:

- Relative Caregiver, or Kinship Care, is when family is providing care for a relative's child either temporarily or long term. The comprehensive resources provided here are designed to help any caregiver who may need additional support or services. This search was created in partnership with the Department of Children and Families, for more information on relative caregiving, visit the [Department of Children and Families Kinship Navigator Portal](#).
 - <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/relativecaregiversearch>

● Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect in Waukesha County

- If domestic violence or abuse is presently occurring, call 911
 - Waukesha County Child Protective Services: 262-548-7212
 - Hours of operation: 8am-4:30pm Mon-Fri excludes Holidays
 - Afterhours: Call IMPACT 2-1-1 by dialing 211

● Emergency Behavioral Health Services in Waukesha County

- Our Emergency Behavioral Health Services address urgent mental health & substance use needs, offering comprehensive support & safety when it is needed most.
 - Location: 1501 Airport Rd. Waukesha, Wisconsin 53188
 - Phone: 262-548-7950 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm
- Need Immediate Help?
 - Call our Crisis Line 24/7:
 - 8am-4:30pm: 262-548-7666
 - After Hours: 211 or 262-547-3388
- Our Crisis Team Services provide quick support through mobile response and a crisis line for mental health and substance use issues.
- What Crisis will offer:
 - Mobile Response: A team can come to you, providing on-site support to manage situations as they happen.
 - 24/7 Crisis Line: Call anytime for immediate assistance and guidance from caring professionals.

● Youth Services Guide - Waukesha County

- The purpose of this booklet is to share the Waukesha County philosophy of care as well as the programs available to youth and families. Waukesha County promotes keeping children safely within their families to avoid the trauma that results when children are placed in out-of- home-care
- Youth Services Guide

● Chosen: The Family Closet

- Provides support to Wisconsin families with current foster placements, as well as adoptive, kinship, and guardianship families facing financial challenges due to their placements. It serves as Chosen's primary resource, offering essential tangible goods for their children.
 - <https://www.choseninlove.org/thefamilycloset>

Social Security Administration Office

- Discover what benefits the child you care for may be entitled to through the Social Security Administration. Whether it's Dependent Children benefits, Survivor Benefits, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), They are here to help you understand and access these resources.
 - Location: 267 South Street, Waukesha, WI
 - Phone: (866) 220-7885
- How They Can Help:
 - Explore Eligibility: Learn if they qualify for Social Security benefits.
 - Guidance and Support: They can assist you through the application process, ensuring you have all the necessary information.
 - Tailored Services: Each family situation is unique; They can help you navigate the specifics of your case.

Kids Matter, Inc.

- Supporting Wisconsin's Kinship and Foster Children
- Kids Matter is your partner in raising a child who's become part of your family. They specialize in assisting those who are caring for relatives by offering support with legal, financial, and social services.
- "We're here for all the aunts, uncles, grandparents, siblings, and friends who are stepping up to keep children safe. Whether you need guidance on child protection, navigating the legal system, or simply seeking a helping hand, we're here for you."
 - Website: <https://kidsmatterinc.org>
 - Contact: 414-344-1220



● Healing Hearts of Southeastern Wisconsin

- Groups welcome children, youth, & families who grieve loss due to death, divorce, addiction, incarceration, deportation, or military deployment.
- Collaborates with Waukesha County HHS monthly for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group.
 - 121 Wisconsin Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186
 - Call: 262-751-0874
 - <https://www.healingheartswisconsin.org/>

● ACCESS: Medical Insurance / Daycare Assistance & More

- ACCESS connects you with the help you need when you need it.
- With ACCESS, you can apply for and manage your state of Wisconsin benefits and programs in one place, at any time.
- Program information includes but is not limited to the following:
 - Child Care, Food Share
 - WIC
 - School Meals and Summer Food Service Program
 - Katie Beckett Medicaid, Medicaid, Badger Care Plus
 - Housing & Utilities
 - Job Skills & Cash Assistance
 - W-2 & Job Access Loans, Tax Credits
 - PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly)
 - Long-Term Care, Family Care, Family Care Partnership
 - Prescription Drug Coverage (Senior Care and Medicare Part D)
- Moraine Lakes Consortium
 - Please contact the pre-screener at (888) 446-1239 or www.access.wisconsin.gov

● Parent's Place, Inc.

- Parents Place's mission is to strengthen families & protect children through prevention, intervention, & education in Southeastern Wisconsin.
- Parents Place has an array of offerings that are delivered in person or virtually in an individual or group format. This includes evidence-based interventions such as Tripel P and Love & Logic. If you're looking for ways to foster resilience in children and families, you can [learn more here](#).
- Address: S22 W22660 Broadway Suite 2, Waukesha, WI 53186
- Phone: 262-549-5575 Email: info@parentsplacewi.org

Waukesha County Voluntary Intake Services:

- Should you experience challenges or have concerns in the days ahead, your child may qualify for Voluntary Services. Any parent/guardian wishing to apply/inquire can contact the **Children's Intake Line: 262-896-3397**
- **Children's Long Term Support Waiver (CLTS)**
 - Services that may help your child up to the age of 22 perform activities of daily living, participate in home & community activities, control their environment, & have enriched surroundings; Supporting youth who have substantial limitations because of one or more of the following: intellectual, developmental, physical or mental health disabilities.
- **Children's Community Options Program (CCOP)**
 - A coordinated approach to supporting families who have a child with a disability. Through a collaborative relationship with the family, supports and services aimed at achieving desired outcomes are identified, prioritized, and implemented.
- **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)**
 - A voluntary, community-based program that provides an array of community-based psychosocial rehabilitation services for children and adults who have Mental Health and/or Substance Use conditions.
- **Coordinated Services Teams (CST)**
 - Our mission is to collaborate with families, schools, and community partners to support the wellbeing, quality of life, and inclusion of children and adolescents with significant mental health and behavioral issues.

