

## NYS KINSHIP NAVIGATOR – WE WANT TO HELP

# Kinship Care

a natural resource

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## NYS KINSHIP NAVIGATOR – ASSISTANCE, LEGAL RIGHTS, AND MUCH MORE

### Grandparents And Other Relatives Caring For Children:

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

### We Can Tell You About:

- Kinship Law
- Special Financial Assistance For Non-Parents Caring For Children
- Specialized Kinship And Other Local Resources

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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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Kinship Caregivers are grandparents, relatives, and family friends who are full time caregivers of children.

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

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## **CALLS TO THE NYS KINSHIP NAVIGATOR 877-454-6463**

**Kinship Specialists are available from 10am-4pm Monday-Friday**

**Kinship Specialists can help by:**

- Identifying local resources and connecting caregivers with kinship programs in their area
- Providing information on state and federal laws regarding kinship care, caregiver rights, and court procedures
- Accessing resources and assistance
- Mailing, emailing or faxing kinship care fact sheets on financial assistance, legal information and other frequently asked questions
- Providing access to free legal consultations

## **VISIT THE WEBSITE WWW.NYSNAVIGATOR.ORG**

**The NYS Kinship Navigator website provides:**

- Interactive New York State map - Just click on a county and find local resources
- 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 the kinship specialists
- Social Media for kinship caregivers and professionals
- Articles by well known kinship experts
- Monthly “Kinship News” regarding new events and press releases affecting kinship care
- Information and resources for professionals

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE**

**Our Kinship Specialists and Attorneys provide individual assistance through our professional resources:**

- Network of kinship professionals (including local kinship programs.)
- Attorney consultants specializing in Family Court
- Experts on public assistance, social security and education law

## **TRAINING AND ADVOCACY**

**The NYS Kinship Navigator works with kinship service providers and local agencies for kinship families. We offer a range of services, including:**

- Trainings, seminars and workshops for caregivers and 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
- Caregiver/Youth Advisory Council
- Statewide leadership for the kinship community