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## Resources for Relative and Kinship Caregivers

This section provides resources for kinship caregivers and outlines where relatives can go to find the support they need to be successful. Resources include handbooks and information about legal, financial, and other issues common to kinship families. The section also provides guidance on changing family dynamics and establishing permanency.

- Guides and Handbooks
- Legal and Financial Information
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### GrandFacts: State Fact Sheets for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children



Grandfamilies.org (2019)

Provides 52 State-specific factsheets, including information on kinship caregiver data, State programs and local resources, public benefits, educational assistance, legal information, and State laws. National information and resources for Washington, DC, are also included.

### Grandfamilies and COVID-19: Families of Unique Origins Face Unique Challenges

Day-Burget (2020)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Explores the unique challenges faced by grandfamilies during the COVID-19 pandemic, highlights the benefits of kinship caregiving, and lists policy and practice recommendations to support grandfamilies and kinship caregivers during the pandemic.

### Grandfamilies Resources

Grandfamilies.org (2019)

Gives access to free and online resources in support of grandfamilies, including information on laws, financial assistance, health care, housing, caregiver support, education, and more. The site also includes links to national organizations and publications for kinship caregivers.

### GRAND Resource: Help for Grandfamilies Impacted by Opioids and Other Substance Use

Generations United (2019)

Provides tips, useful information, and a list of resources to help grandfamilies, both inside and outside the foster care system, impacted by opioids or other substances.

### Kinship Caregivers and the Child Welfare System

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Discusses issues of interest to the growing number of grandparents and other relatives caring for children whose own parents are unable to care for them. Sometimes, the arrangement (referred to as "kinship care") is an informal, private arrangement between the parents and relative caregivers; in other situations, the local child welfare agency is involved. This factsheet is designed to help kinship caregivers--including grandparents, aunts and uncles, other relatives, and family friends caring for children--work effectively with the child welfare system. Resources, such as links to more detailed information or places to find help, are included.

### Kinship Navigator Programs Practical Tips and Resources

Generations United (2020)

Provides practical tips and resources for kinship navigator programs to assist caregivers in learning the programs and services. It also summarizes federal program requirements and tips for programs that build on these legal requirements.

### Kinship Resources

Kids Matter, Inc. (2016)

Lists resources that aid kinship caregivers, including grandparents raising grandchildren, young adults raising younger siblings, and all forms of extended kinship families. The site also includes links to national organizations.

### Partnering With Relatives to Promote Reunification

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Shares stories and advice from caregivers and birth parents who have experienced kinship care on the importance of maintaining boundaries, managing family dynamics, building trust, positive parenting and communication, and securing support.

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#### Kinship Caregiving Options: Considerations for Caregivers

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American Bar Association (2021)

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