

Are you:

- A grandparent raising grandchildren?
- An aunt or uncle raising nieces or nephews?
- A sibling raising a brother or sister?
- A cousin raising your cousin's children?
- Raising children of a family member in jail?
- Raising related children for other reasons?

If you answered YES,
then we are here to help.

The Relatives as Parents support group meets once a month. A light dinner and free child care are include at each session.

Online resources:

AARP Grandparent Information Center

www.aarp.org/families/grandparents/gic

Child Welfare League of America

www.cwla.org

Children's Defense Fund

www.childrensdefense.org

eXtension

www.extension/family+caregiving

Generations United

www.gu.org

Grandfamilies State Law & Policy Resource Center

www.grandfamilies.org



Children's Aid Society was founded in 1890 and currently offers the following programs:

Real Relationships	2016
Triple P - Positive Parenting Program	2015
In-Home Services	2012
Relatives As Parents Program	2010
Pre-K Counts	2007
Foster Care	2002
Clearfield Elementary Care	1998
Nurturing Parenting Program	1995
Childcare	1989
Adoption	1986
Big Brothers Big Sisters	1985

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Relatives as Parents Program



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About us:

The Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) is designed to assist grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the role of primary caregiver for related children.

Services include:

- a support group for adults that offers a social network of grandparents and relatives.
- referral and access to appropriate community-based services and resources
- education and training to learn new parenting and coping skills



Other opportunities:

Children's Aid Society offers other programs that offer support for individuals serving in a parenting role:

- **Nurturing Parenting Program:** A free parenting program that strengthens families by giving parents and children the tools needed to create a happy home life.
- **Triple P—Positive Parenting Program:** A free in-home program that offers support to help manage a child's behavior and prevent the kinds of problems that make family life stressful.
- **Real Relationships:** Free, fun, interactive classes and workshops that provide teens, individuals, and couples with tools to have happy, healthy relationships.

Support group:

A place to come together with other grandparents and relative care providers to:

- Share the struggles, setbacks, and successes of parenting a second time around.
- Learn, receive, and provide support to and from peers
- Discover tips for coping with changing family dynamics.
- Gather information about available community resources.
- Understand effective ways to negotiate with outside services systems.

Why is it important?

- One out of every 12 children lives in a household headed by a relative other than their parent.
- Approximately 6 million children nationwide are being raised by their grandparents or relatives.
- Grandparent-headed households are the fastest growing type of family in the United States.
- Many of these special families have come together because of difficult family situations such as substance abuse, divorce, parental incarceration, or similar circumstances.
- A significant number of grandparents and relatives have informal custody and do not know how this will affect their ability to care for and make decisions on behalf of the children in their care.