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KY CAREGIVER PROGRAM



GRANDPARENT EVENTS & RESOURCES

TRUALTA

Trualta is an online platform that provides caregivers with relevant educational content, practical tutorials, and a dependable online community where caregivers can join discussion forums, gain insight from support groups, and ask real questions of industry professionals. Once you are registered, you have unlimited access to their articles and tips about caring for your loved one.

Trualta is really easy to use. All you will need to start is a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Visit <u>www.trualta.com</u> to get started!

HOPE'S CLOSET

Hope's Closet is a non-profit organization providing free clothing and other essential items for children in foster care and kinship placements. Shoppers are allowed to shop every 60 days to accommodate growing children and seasonal changes. Appointments are required to shop! Contact them at (502) 299-2397



KIPDA'S GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN PROGRAM

KIPDA is proud to coordinate the Kentucky Caregiver Program for our region. The Kentucky Caregiver Program was established to assist Grandparents Raising Grandchildren who meet the lowincome requirement and whose grandchildren reside in their homes without the parent. In addition to access to resources, this program allows KIPDA to provide a clothing allotment up to \$500 worth of eligible items for each grandchild included in the application.

To qualify, a grandparent shall meet criteria below:

• Be a KY resident.

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- Be the primary caregiver for a grandchild.
- Be related to the grandchild, who is no more than 18 years of age, by birth, marriage or adoption.
- Reside with the grandchild and not with either parent in the same home.
- Not receive a monthly payment for KINSHIP Care.
- Not have a household income that exceeds 150% of the federal poverty level.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

KINSHIP COALITION OF KENTUCKY

The Kinship Families Coalition of Kentucky is a community group dedicated to raising awareness of the issues surrounding kinship care in Kentucky and forwarding recommendations for policy changes to increase supports for kinship families. Members from across the state of Kentucky include relative caregivers, advocacy organizations, and support service providers. For resources, go to their website: https://kinshipky.org/navigatingkinship/

SUPPORT GROUPS

Need a support group? Neighborhood House every 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm for emotional support, practical advice, resource sharing and more. Call Whitney Boswell at 502-883-1792 for more information.

Want to start a support group, but not sure where to begin? Call Mary Anne 502-714-5187 for resources and suggestions.

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RETURNING CLIENTS:

Returning clients can be served once per year and a new complete application must be completed each fiscal year. KIPDA will send a new application packet when its time to begin this process. If your application is approved, you will be added to the waiting list.

Per state guidelines, applications will be considered on a priority basis, with applicants that did not receive services through the program in the previous fiscal year receiving higher priority. After priority screening, applicants will be approved based on the date the application was approved. You will receive notification via letter when you are eligible and approved to create a shopping list with instructions

YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY...

According to the US Department of Labor, 6% of children in Kentucky are being raised by at least one grandparent, well above the National Average of 3.2%.

Over 2 million grandparents in the United States are raising their grandchildren, and for most, it has been a long-term commitment.