

SUPPORT GROUPS ARE LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY CITY/TOWN

****PLEASE NOTE: THIS LIST IS UPDATED ONLY TWO TIMES PER YEAR. IT IS BEST TO CONTACT THE
SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR DIRECTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION****

NOVEMBER 2021

**THE COMMISSION ON GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN IS
RUNNING A VIRTUAL GRG SUPPORT GROUP DUE TO COVID-19.
MEETINGS ARE TWO MONDAY NIGHTS/MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. AND
TWO TUESDAYS/MONTH AT 9:30 A.M. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO JOIN THE GROUP, CONTACT COLLEEN.PRITONI@MASS.GOV**

*ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE VIRTUAL GROUP INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THIS LIST

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ACTON

Location: The Acton Senior Center
30 Sudbury Road
Acton, Ma.

Meetings: This group meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month 11:00 – 12:30 pm at the Acton Senior Center. The support group meets in-person monthly to help each other navigate through the challenges and joys faced as grandparents raising grandchildren, and become informed about the resources available.

Language: English

Childcare: No

Contact Information: Joe O’Leary
(978) 897-9595
j.j.oleary@comcast.net

AMHERST

Location: The Bridge Family Resource Center

A Program of Clinical and Support Options
101 University Drive, Suite A3, Amherst, MA 01002

Meetings: Wednesdays 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Location: Sign in front of building reads “CSO-Clinical and Support Options”, plenty of free parking
***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English and Spanish
Childcare: provided upon request
Contact Information: Anne Barnes
413-549-0297 ext. 6566
Anne.barnes@csoinc.org

ALLSTON-BRIGHTON

Location: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
637 Cambridge St.
Brighton, Ma. 02135

Meetings: Beginning 10/21/21 will be meeting twice a month, the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Time: 10:00 am-11:30 am.

Language: English
Child Care:
Contact Information: Mary Rita Weschler, Director, The Women’s Table
Samilla Qulroa, Family Nurturing Center
Contact Mary Rita: 617-746-2056
Maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org

ASHBURNHAM-WESTMINSTER

Location: Westminster Senior Center
69 West Main Street
Westminster, Ma. 01473

Meetings: Services: support group, information, and referral.
Meetings dates:
10/29/21 at 10:00 am
12/3/21 at 10:00 am
1/28/22 at 10:00 am
3/25/22 at 10:00 am

Language: English
Child Care: provided per request

Contact Information: Kris Bogosh
kbogosh@awrsd.org

ATHOL

Location: North Quabbin Grandparent Support Group
423 Main Street Athol, Ma. 01331

Meetings: Services: support group, information, and referral.
Meetings are every Tuesday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Meetings are hybrid and if coming in person must pre-register due to space.
Must pre-register for in-person meeting by the Thursday before.
Refreshments not provided at this time due to COVID.
Transportation available within the area if needed
***This group is also meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English
Child Care: provided per request
Contact Information: Bette Jenks (978) 249-5070
bjenkspatch@yahoo.com

ATTLEBORO

Location: Robbins Children Center
803 N. Main Street Attleboro, Ma.

Meetings: This group meets every 3rd Tuesday 6:00-7:30 p.m.
At the Welcome Center. Small refreshments as well as a snack for the children is provided.

Language: English
Child Care: Available for those who register ahead
Contact Information: Lee-Ann Pereira (978) 249-5070
Leeannpereira78@yahoo.com

B

BILLERICA

Location: Grandparents as Parents

First Congregational Church
18 Andover Rd.
Billerica, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are in-person
1st Tuesday of the month
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Language: English

Childcare: No

Contact Information: Tracey Rudenick
grandparentsasparents.billerica@yahoo.com

BOSTON 1

Location: MSPCC/Kinnections
2010 Columbus Avenue Roxbury, Ma.

Meetings: ***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**
Virtual Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesday/month 7:00 pm-8:30 pm via Zoom.
Services include supports group, information, and referral

Language: English and Spanish

Child Care: No

Contact: Ashley Pepoli
617-983-5850
kinnections@mspcc.org

*For Spanish speakers: Mineola Diaz 617-898-7854

BOSTON2

Location: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
637 Cambridge St.
Brighton, Ma. 02135

Meetings: Beginning 10/21/21 will be meeting twice a month, the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Time: 10:00 am-11:30 am.

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Mary Rita Weschler, Director, The Women's Table
Samilla Qulroa, Family Nurturing Center
Contact Mary Rita: 617-746-2056
Maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org

BOSTON #3

Location: Family Nurturing Center
200 Bowdoin Street
Dorchester, Ma. 02122

Meetings: *This Support Group is specifically for Cape Verdean speaking grandparents. The group meets every last Saturday of the month, 10:00am to 11:30am. The group is facilitated by a trained Family Nurturing Program Facilitator and Coordinator.

Language: Cape Verdean
Child Care: No
Contact Information: Lourença Barros-Randolph
(617)474-1143
Lbarros@familynurturing.org

BOSTON #4

Location: Laboure Center/Catholic Charities
275 West Broadway South Boston, Ma. 02127

Meetings: Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11:00
Services include support group, information, and referral, parenting advice, and counseling available for families

Language: English
Child Care: No
Contact Information: Emily Elmore (617) 464-8564
Emily_Elmore@ccab.org

BOURNE

Location: Bourne Council on Aging
239 Main Street Buzzards Bay, Ma. 02532

Meetings: Meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month 10:00-11:30 am at the Bourne Senior Center. Services include support group, information and referral, resource library, family programs, and special programs

Language: English
Child Care: No
Contact Information: Kari Leighton
kleighton@townofbourne.com

BROCKTON

Location: The Family Center – Community Connections of Brockton
1367 Main Street Brockton, Ma. 02301

Meetings: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Language: English
Childcare: not provided
Contact Information: The Family Center
508-857-0272

BROOKFIELD

Location: Quaboag Church
175 Fiskdale Rd.
Brookfield, Ma. 01506

Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00-10:30 am
The meetings alternate each month from a support group meeting one month and an event the next month. One month the meetings are in-person; the next month the meetings involve an outing with grandparents and grandchildren. Please contact the facilitator for more information and exact schedule.

Language: English
Child Care: Provided upon request
Contact Information: Terri McIssac
terriamcisaac@gmail.com

C

CHARLTON (SOUTHBRIDGE)

Location: St. Joseph's Church, Charlton
120 Sayles Street
Southbridge, Ma. 01550
www.stjosephscharlton.com

Meetings: Meetings are to advocate and organize grandparents in a supportive group to share concerns, solutions, resources, and to develop friendships in a caring and confidential manner.
*meetings and information are by appointment first, must contact facilitator.

Language: English
Child Care: Not provided

Contact Information: Ted and Dianne Dubsky
(508) 764-4553
dubsky@rcn.com or dbdubsky@aol.com

CHICOPEE

Location: RiverMills Center's Chicopee Council on Aging
5 West Main Street
Chicopee, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:00 pm-7:15 pm
Meetings are for support, information, and resources, as well as social events.

Language: English

Child Care: Provided (contact facilitator for information)

Contact Information: Beth Ferrando
Program Coordinator/Support Group Facilitator
413-534-3698 ext. 115
BFerrando@chicopeema.gov

D

DANVERS

Location: Lowell Senior Center (currently meeting virtually)
276 Broadway Street
Lowell, Ma. 01854

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month 11:00 am- 12:00 pm
This group is open to grandparents raising grandchildren throughout the Merrimack Valley and North Shore.
***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Elder Services of Merrimack Valley
Cindy Hession-Richard
978-946-1445

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FALMOUTH

Location: Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition
East Falmouth Elementary School
33 Davisville Rd.
E. Falmouth, Ma. 02536

Meetings: Support group meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Virtual meeting 6:30-7:45 pm.
*No meetings in July and August
***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English

Child Care: Provided (contact facilitator for information)
*Registration required for dinner and child care

Contact Information: Beverly Costa-Ciavola
Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition
(508) 771-4336
Beverly@capecoalition.com

FALL RIVER

Location: Fall River Family Resource Center
45 Rock Street
Fall River, Ma. 02720

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
*Spanish-Speaking Group: 2nd and 4th Thursday each month 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English

Child Care: Provided (contact facilitator for more information)

Contact Information: Jessica Cyr
508-717-7218
jacyr@frfsa.org

FRAMINGHAM #1

Location: Callahan Senior Center
535 Union Avenue

Framingham, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am
Must register ahead of time
***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English
Child Care: Not at this time
Contact Information: Carol Casey
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
(617) 447-5417
ccasey@mspcc.org

FRAMINGHAM #2

Location: The Framingham Family Resource Center and The Wayside Youth & Family Support Network
88 Lincoln Street
Framingham, Ma. 01702

Meetings: Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month 6:00-7:30 p.m. Support for school issues/child care; behavioral/mental health issues; financial resources; custody issues; community & statewide resources.

Language: English
Child Care:
Contact Information: Dodi Hardsog
508-469-3221
Dodi_hardsog@waysideyouth.org

FRANKLIN

Location: The Bernon Family YMCA
45 Forge Hill Road
Franklin, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held IN-PERSON and ON ZOOM the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be available.
Child care is available for the meeting.

***This group is currently meeting virtually and in-person at the same time. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English

Childcare: YES – contact the YMCA in advance 508-528-8708.
Sponsor/Affiliated: The group is facilitated by Meredith Poulten and sponsored by the YMCA,
and the S. A.F.E. Coalition.
Contact Information: Meredith Poulton: mpoulten@verizon.net

G

GLOUCESTER

Location: Sawyer Free Library
Friend Room
2 Dale Avenue
Gloucester, Ma.

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursday/moth
12:00 pm -1:00 pm

Language: English

Childcare: children are welcome

Contact Information: 978-283-7198 or tpolhamus@jri.org

GREENFIELD

Location: Community Action Family Center
90 Federal Street
Greenfield, Ma.

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Friday each month
1:00 – 2:00 pm

Language: English

Childcare: not provided

Contact Information: 413-475-1555

H

HAVERHILL

Location: NFI Parenting Together
76 Winter Street
Lowell, Ma. 01830

Meetings: Meetings are held each Monday via Zoom 10:00-11:00 am.
**This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.*

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Suzanne Genovese
978-766-2248
suzanneGenovese@nafi.com

HAVERHILL

Location: Lowell Senior Center (currently meeting virtually)
276 Broadway Street
Lowell, Ma. 01854

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month 11:00 am- 12:00 pm
This group is open to grandparents raising grandchildren throughout the Merrimack Valley and North Shore and is facilitated by Elder Services of Merrimack Valley.
**This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.*

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Elder Services of Merrimack Valley
Cindy Hession-Richard
978-946-1445

HOLYOKE

Location: Enlace de Familias, FRC
299-301 Main Street
Holyoke, Ma. 01040

Meetings: Meetings are held bi-weekly on Fridays
Meeting time 11:00 am- 12:00 pm
**This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail or phone.*

Language: ** Spanish**

Child Care: Not at this time

Contact Information: Dimarie Rodriguez
413-532-9300
dimarie@enlacedefamilias.org

HYANNIS

Location: Cape Cod Family Resource Center
29 Basset Lane
Hyannis, Ma. 02601

Meetings: This group meets the third Tuesday of every month 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. at the Cape Cod Family Resource Center with Kerry Bickford, a member of the Commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren from 2009-2019. This group provides a supportive environment for all grandparents who play a role in raising grandchildren. Dinner and child-care provided.
**Registration is required.*

Language: English
Child Care: Yes, Registration required
Contact Information: Cape Cod Family Resource Center
508-815-5100 and ask for Whitney

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L

LAWRENCE

Location: Lowell Senior Center (currently meeting virtually)
276 Broadway Street
Lowell, Ma. 01854

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month 11:00 am- 12:00 pm
This group is open to grandparents raising grandchildren throughout the Merrimack Valley and North Shore.
**This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.*

Language: English
Child Care:
Contact Information: Elder Services of Merrimack Valley
Cindy Hession-Richard
978-946-1445

LOWELL #1

Location: Lowell Senior Center
276 Broadway Street
Lowell, Ma. 01854

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month 11:00 am- 12:00 pm
This group is open to grandparents raising grandchildren throughout the Merrimack Valley and North Shore.
***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English
Child Care:
Contact Information: Elder Services of Merrimack Valley
Cindy Hession-Richard
978-946-1445

LOWELL #2

Location: Lowell Family Resource Center
27 Prescott Street
Lowell, Ma. 01852

Meetings: *Call facilitator for meeting information
Language: English
Child Care:
Contact Information: Lori Sousa, facilitator
(978) 942-3264

LYNN #1

Location: The Gregg House After-School Program
106 Broad Street
Lynn, Ma. 01902

Meetings: Meetings are held weekly on Thursdays 9:30-11:00am.
Bi-Lingual support available on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month.

The Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Support Group in Lynn is open to grandparents who are in both the primary and secondary caregiver role for their grandchildren. Please call Meegan Simpson-Best for more information.

The group is a community-collaboration with supported by Greater Lynn Senior Services, Gregg House after school program, the Lynn Family Resource Center, and the Department of Children and Families. The mission of the program is to unite, improve, and support grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. This goal is achieved through weekly support group meetings, which at this time remain virtual.

***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English
Child care: Not provided
Contact Information: Meegan Simpson-Best, Social Worker
(781) 477-1641

LYNNFIELD

Location: North Suburban Child and Family Resource Network
30 Farm Street
Wakefield, Ma. 01880

Meetings: This support group is meeting VIRTUALLY and IN-PERSON:
Zoom meetings: Mondays at 7:30 pm
In-Person Meetings: Wednesdays at 9:00 am and Thursdays at 3:00 pm at Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield.

***This group is currently meeting virtually AND in-person. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Group is open to people in Lynnfield, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester & surrounding communities

Language: English
Child Care: Not Provided
Contact Information: Kathy Harlow, Program Manager
(781) 246-5187 or kharlow@melrosewakefield.org

M

MANSFIELD

Location: The Mansfield Council on Aging
Mansfield Public Library

255 Hope Street
Mansfield, Ma. 02048

Meetings: The 2nd Wednesday of the month = 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm
2nd Tuesday of the month = 10:00 am-11:30 am
Language: English
Childcare: not provided
Contact Information: Melissa Leonard: Melissa.leonard@mansfieldschools.com
Josephine Madrazo: jmadrazo@mansfieldma.com

MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Location: Martha's Vineyard Community Services
"Raising Grands" paint and chat group
IWYC Building D
111 Edgartown Rd.
Vineyard Haven, Ma.

Meetings: Once a month on Saturdays
12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Language: English
Child Care: Provided (must pre-register)
Contact Information: Chrissie Laury, Facilitator
(508) 693-7900 ext. 402
claury@mvcommunityservices.org

MELROSE

Location: North Suburban Child and Family Resource Network
30 Farm Street
Wakefield, Ma. 01880

Meetings: This support group is meeting VIRTUALLY and IN-PERSON:
Zoom meetings: Mondays at 7:30 pm
In-Person Meetings: Wednesdays at 9:00 am and Thursdays at 3:00 pm at
Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield.

**This group is currently meeting virtually AND in-person. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.*

Group is open to people in Lynnfield, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester & surrounding communities

Language: English
Child Care: Not Provided
Contact Information: Kathy Harlow, Program Manager
(781) 246-5187 or kharlow@melrosewakefield.org

N

NANTUCKET

LOCATION: Nantucket Family Resource Center

1 Freedom Square, Unit B
Nantucket MA 02554

Meeting: The 1st Thursday of the month from 12-1:00PM
And the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:00-6:00PM

**This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.*

Language: English

Childcare: Not at this time.

Contact information: omclean@familycontinuity.org or 508-815-5115

NEW BEDFORD

Location: NBCCC Family Resource & Development Center
128 Union Street 3rd Floor
New Bedford, Ma. 02740

Meetings: Support Group Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 5:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner and Child Care are provided. Meetings are facilitated by Kelly Thatcher and Carmen Gamboa.

Language: English

Child Care: Child Care is available, please contact the facilitators for information

Contact Information: Darlene Spencer
508-994-4521 ext. 116
dspencer@unitedwayofgnb.org

NEWTON

Location: Newton Public Library
Druler Auditorium
330 Homer Street
Newton, Ma.

Meetings: This group provides support and information sharing for grandparents raising grandchildren in the Newton, Wayland, and Weston area.
Meeting Times: 7:00 p.m. **VIRTUAL MEETINGS
***Meeting dates: November 18, 2020; December 16, 2020; January 13, 2021; February 10, 2021; March 10, 2021; April 14, 2021; May 12, 2021; and June 9, 2021.

***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English
Child Care: Not provided
Contact Information: Beverly Mobilia
Community Partnerships for Children and Families
(617) 559-9058
Beverly_mobilia@newton.k12.ma.us

NORTH ADAMS

Location: NBCC The Family Resource Center
61 Main Street #218
North Adams, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.
4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Dinner is provided
*Please register by noon the day of the meetings
*Transportation available upon request
Masks required for all children under 12 years old and unvaccinated people

Language: English
Childcare: Yes, available upon request
Contact Information: The Family Place
Donna Senecal
413-663-7588 ext. 18

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PITTSFIELD#1

Location: Contact Facilitator for meeting locations and dates
*Meetings are currently held at a grandparent's home due to COVID

Meetings: This group meets two Mondays a month 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Child Care and meal is provided.

Language: English

Child Care: Provided, contact the facilitator for more information

Contact Information: Michelle (413) 446-8224
Genie (413) 447-7734
raisinggrandchildren@aol.com

PITTSFIELD#2

Location: Berkshire Children and Families Family Resource Center

Meetings: This group meets the last Wednesday of the month in 2 sessions; 9:30 am-11:00 am AND 5:30 pm-7:00 pm.

Contact Information: Berkshire Children and Families Family Resource Center
Tammy (413) 442.5333 ext. 264

PLYMOUTH

Location: Plymouth Center for Active Living
44 Nook Road
Plymouth, Ma. 02360

Meetings: Meetings are held every Thursdays @ 10:00 am–12:30 pm weekly
support group, information & referral & education
Meetings are in-person
Requirement: you MUST call in advance to register 508-830-4230
(You will not be able to attend if you are not registered)

Language: English (if needed, a translator would be provided in Haitian Creole and Portuguese, French, and Spanish)

Childcare: No

Contact Information: Beth Hadfield
(508) 830-4230
bhadfield@plymouth-ma.gov

QUINCY

Location: Quincy Family Resource Center
1120 Hancock Street 1st Floor
Quincy, Ma. 02169

Meetings: Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English

Child Care: Please contact the facilitator for more information

Contact Information: Andrea Roderick
617-481-7227 ext. 157
aroderick@baystatecs.org

R

READING

Location: North Suburban Child and Family Resource Network
30 Farm Street
Wakefield, Ma. 01880

Meetings: This support group is meeting VIRTUALLY and IN-PERSON:
Zoom meetings: Mondays at 7:30 pm
In-Person Meetings: Wednesdays at 9:00 am and Thursdays at 3:00 pm at Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield.

***This group is currently meeting virtually AND in-person. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Group is open to people in Lynnfield, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester & surrounding communities

Language: English

Child Care: Not Provided

Contact Information: Kathy Harlow, Program Manager
(781) 246-5187 or kharlow@melrosewakefield.org

S

SALEM

Location: Mass General for Children's Hospital- North Shore Medical Center

Family Resource Center
Salem, Ma. 01970

Meetings: Meetings: Mondays (monthly)
11:00 am-12:30 pm
A free online support group for grandparents who are raising grandchildren.
***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English
Childcare: None

Contact Information: Beth Yourgau
Clinical Coordinator Behavioral Health
eyourgrau@partners.org

SANDWICH #1

Location: Corpus Christi Parish
324 Quaker Meeting House
East Sandwich, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:00 am
Language: English
Childcare: not provided
Contact Information: Maria Bess
Giftedgrannies1@gmail.com

SANDWICH

Location: Forestdale School
151 Route 130
Sandwich, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month 5:00-6:30 pm
Meetings are called “Home is Where the Heart is” and although the group is not specific to grandparents raising grandchildren, many do attend. The group is facilitated by Adoption Journeys. Dinner and childcare available upon registration. You must RSVP.

Language: English
Child Care: Child Care available upon request, please contact facilitator for more information.
Contact Information: Lauren Melillo

Sandwich Partnership for Families
(508) 4770660 ext. 132
www.sandwichpartnership.org

SOUTHBRIDGE

Location: Y.O.U., Inc. Family Resource Center
328 Main Street
Southbridge, Ma. 01550

Meetings: Contact the center for schedule
Meetings will be bi-weekly

***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: ****Spanish****
Childcare: not provided
Contact Information: Joanna Marrero
508-909-7582

SPRINGFIELD #1

Location: Gandara Center – Springfield Family Resource Center
18 Gaucher Street
Springfield, Ma.

Meetings: Contact the center for schedule
Language: English
Childcare: not provided
Contact Information: Cindy Stovall, Director
413-733-7699

SPRINGFIELD #2

Location: Multicultural Community Services
1000 Wilbraham Rd.
Springfield, Ma. 01109

Meetings: Multi-Cultural Services (MCS) is a Western Ma Family Support Center funded by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) via a contract. MCS has hosted a grandparent' project since it began in 2000. This is a network of grandparents who are the primary caregivers for grandchildren with developmental disabilities. The Network provides grandparents the opportunity to get together and share experiences, provide support to one another, and address challenges as they advocate for their grandchildren's needs. The Network meets 3-4 times a year for planning. They develop a yearly work plan which includes trainings, educational, information and referral, support for children with developmental disabilities. They meet at the Multicultural Community Services 1000 Wilbraham Rd. Springfield. There are grandparents that Spanish is their primary language; MCS can provide an interpreter. Transportation is provided to those in need. A light lunch is provided for meetings, speaker series, and trainings. **This project is for grandparents raising grandchildren with intellectual disabilities who have been determined eligible for DDS services.**

Language: English, however, there are grandparents that Spanish is their primary language; MCS can provide an interpreter.

Child Care:

Contact Information: Raquel Rodriguez, Coordinator
(413) 782-2500 ext. 349

STERLING

Location: Sterling Senior Center
36 Muddy Pond Road
Sterling, MA 01564

Meetings: This support group will begin January 2022
The meetings will be held the first Monday of every month
10:00 a.m.

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Patricia Keay
pat.keay@gmail.com

T

TAUNTON#1

Location: Taunton Family Resource Center
37 Main Street – First Floor

Taunton, Ma. 02780

Meetings: The support group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
10:30 am-12:30 pm
Refreshments served at each meeting

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Moloko Gugushe
774-501-2633
MGugushe@oldcolonymca.org

TAUNTON#2

Location: Triumph, Inc.
25 Barnum Street
Taunton, Ma. 02780

Meetings: The support group meets the last Thursday of every month 9:30-11:00 am.
Child care is available upon request/registration.

Language: English

Child Care: Child Care is available upon registration/request.

Contact Information: Nancy Tilbe
Home Based & Community Programming
508-822-5388
ntilbe@triumphinc.org

TOWNSEND

Location: Townsend Senior Center
16 Dudley Rd.
Townsend, Ma. 01469

Meetings: The support group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month
6:00 p.m. Dinner is included.

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Katie Petrossi
978-597-1710

TURNERS FALLS

Location: United Arc
294 Avenue A
Turners Falls, Ma. 01376

Meetings: Website: www.unitedarc.org/ Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group
Meetings:
2nd Wednesday of every month is in-person
4th Thursday of the month the meetings are via Zoom.

information & referral; consultation; intergenerational events

Requirements: Grandparent age 55+ with primary custodial care of grandchild(ren)

**This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.*

Language: English

Child Care: No

Contact Information: Jan Doody
413-834-8312
janetdoody@theunitedarc.org

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WAKEFIELD #1

Location: Wakefield Boys and Girls Club
Grandparents Raising Again
American Civic Center
457 Main Street (side door)
Wakefield, Ma.

Meetings: The meetings are held once a month. Please contact the facilitator for information on dates and times. Light refreshments served.

Language: English

Child Care: Child care is available, please contact facilitator for more information

Contact Information: Riley at the Wakefield Boys and Girls Club
(781) 832-3302

riley@bgcwakefield.org

WAKEFIELD #2

Location: North Suburban Child and Family Resource Network
30 Farm Street
Wakefield, Ma. 01880

Meetings: This support group is meeting VIRTUALLY and IN-PERSON:
Zoom meetings: Mondays at 7:30 pm
In-Person Meetings: Wednesdays at 9:00 am and Thursdays at 3:00 pm at
Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield.
**This group is currently meeting virtually AND in-person. For more
information about participating in online meetings, please contact the
facilitator via e-mail.*
*Group is open to people in Lynnfield, Malden, Melrose, North Reading,
Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester & surrounding communities*

Language: English
Child Care: Not Provided
Contact Information: Kathy Harlow, Program Manager
(781) 246-5187 or kharlow@melrosewakefield.org

WAREHAM

Location: Multi-Service Center
Room 227
48 Marion Road
Wareham, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings: every 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 5:30-7:00 pm
**Childcare and Dinner: provided at the meeting;

Language: English
Child Care: Child Care provided, please contact facilitators for more information
Contact Information: Ms. Pat Simonelli (508)273-7241 pas4555@aol.com
Ms. Pat Gagnon ((508) 291-3500 ext. 3556

WEBSTER

Location: Gladys E. Kelly Library
2 Lake Street Webster, Ma.

Meetings: Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Language: English
Childcare: available upon request
Contact Information: Kimberly Rockwood
978-413-8989
krockwood@worchester.edu

WESTFIELD

Location: Westfield Boys and Girls Club
21 West Silver Street
Westfield, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:15-7:30 pm
***This group is currently meeting virtually AND in-person. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English
Child Care: Provided, please contact facilitators for more information
Contact Information: Cathy Frye (413) 374-3070
Maureen Viturale (413) 237-6673

WESTMINSTER-ASHBURNHAM

Location: Westminster Senior Center
69 West Main Street
Westminster, Ma. 01473

Meetings: Services: support group, information, and referral.
Meetings dates:
10/29/21 at 10:00 am
12/3/21 at 10:00 am
1/28/22 at 10:00 am
3/25/22 at 10:00 am

Language: English
Child Care: provided per request
Contact Information: Kris Bogosh
kbogosh@awrsd.org

WEYMOUTH

Location: Weymouth Public Library, Fogg Library
1 Colombian Street
Weymouth, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held every Monday 7:00-8:45 pm

Language: English

Child Care: Not available

Contact Information: Judy Geagan
(781) 706-7535

WORCESTER #1

Location: YMCA Greendale Branch
75 Shore Drive
Worcester, Ma. 01605

Meetings: Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:30 pm
Support, information, and referral during meetings

- Registration is required
- ***This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.**

Language: English

Child Care: Provided, please contact facilitator for more information

Contact Information: Debbie Dowd-Foley, Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc.
Caregiver Specialist
(508) 756-1545 ext. 390
ddfoley@eswa.org

New/Statewide GRG Grief Support:

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Grief Group

A group of grandparents and kin who have lost a child to overdose. The group is facilitated by Kerry Bickford, who also facilitates the GRG group in Hyannis. This group is for grandparents and kin in Massachusetts. The group meets via Zoom.

Contact Kerry at kbickford81@comcast.net