# 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\*\*

# SEPTEMBER 2022

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

\*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.
<u>Meetings</u> :	This group meets the $3^{rd}$ 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

#### <u>Amherst</u>

Location:

The Bridge Family Resource Center

A Program of Clinical and Support Options 101 University Drive, Suite A3, Amherst, MA 01002
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.
English and Spanish
provided upon request
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:	Meetings held 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 10 am -11:30 am. The group is jointly facilitated by The Women's Table and Family Nurturing Center. Services include support group, information, referral, and individual advocacy.
Language: Child Care: Contact Information:	English Not provided, but available with prior notice Mary Rita Weschler, Director, The Women's Table 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: Child Care: Contact Information:	English provided per request Kris Bogosh <u>kbogosh@awrsd.org</u>
ATHOL Location:	North Quabbin Grandparent Support Group 423 Main Street Athol, Ma. 01331
Meetings:	Services: support group, information, and referral.
U	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 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

#### <u>B</u>



Location:	Grandparents as Parents First Congregational Church 18 Andover Rd. Billerica, Ma.
Meetings:	Meetings are in-person 1 <sup>st</sup> 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: 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday/month 7:00 pm-8:30 pm via Zoom.
Language:	Services include supports group, information, and referral 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
	Brighton, Ma. 02135
Meetings:	Beginning $10/21/21$ will be meeting twice a month, the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Time: 10:00 am-11:30 am.
Language: Child Care:	English
Contact Information:	Mary Rita Weschler, Director, The Women's Table Samilla Qulroa, Family Nurturing Center Contact Mary Rita: 617-746-2056 <u>Maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org</u>

#### BOSTON #3

Location:	Family Nurturing Center 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor 200 Bowdoin Street Dorchester, Ma. 02122
Meetings:	*This Support Group is specifically for Cape Verdean speaking grandparents. The group meets every 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 10:00am to 11:30am. The group is a safe, supportive, and relaxing environment to share feelings and receive support from other grandparents who are experiencing similar issues. 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 <u>Lbarros@familynurturing.org</u>
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 4 <sup>th</sup> 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: Contact Information: BROCKTON	No Kari Leighton <u>kleighton@townofbourne.com</u>
Location:	The Family Center – Community Connections of Brockton 1367 Main Street Brockton, Ma. 02301
Meetings: Even Language: Childcare: Contact Information: BROOKFIELD	ry Tuesday 6:00 pm-7:30 pm English not provided The Family Center 508-857-0272
Location:	"Grandparents in the Know" Quaboag Church 175 Fiskdale Rd. Brookfield, Ma. 01506
Meetings:	This group meets monthly alternating between a Tuesday morning meeting 9:00-10:30 am and a Thursday supper meeting 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. Please contact the facilitator for specific dates

Language: English Child Care: Provided upon request Contact Information: Terri McIssac 774-452-0977 terriamcisaac@gmail.com

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## CHARLTON (SOUTHBRIDGE)

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

Language: Child Care:	*meetings and information are by appointment first, must contact facilitator. English Not provided
Contact Information:	Ted and Dianne Dubsky (508) 764-4553
	dubsky@rcn.com or dbdubsky@aol.com
CHICOPEE	
Location:	Chicopee Council on Aging/Chicopee Senior Center 5 West Main Street Chicopee, Ma.
Meetings:	Meetings are held the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
	Support Group Facilitator
	413-534-3698 ext. 115
	BFerrando@chicopeema.gov

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## **DANVERS**

Location:	Lowell Senior Center (currently meeting virtually) 276 Broadway Street Lowell, Ma. 01854
Meetings:	<ul> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 11:00 am- 12:00 pm <i>This group is open to grandparents raising grandchildren throughout the</i> <i>Merrimack Valley and North Shore.</i></li> <li>*This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.</li> </ul>
Language: Child Care:	English
Contact Information:	Elder Services of Merrimack Valley Cindy Hession-Richard 978-946-1445

## 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 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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:	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
	Dinner and child care available. Please register ahead of time.
	Allison Hague
	508-567-1735 <u>ahague@frfsa.org</u>
	anague@msa.org
	*Spanish-Speaking Group:
	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday each month 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
	Dinner and child care available. Please register ahead of time.
	Jaydith Matias-Diaz
	508-567-1753
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jdaiz@frfsa.org

Child Care: Contact Information:	Provided (contact facilitator for more information) See above for each group
<b>FITCHBURG</b>	
Location:	Grandparent/Kin Caregivers Support Group MOC Family Resource Center 49 Nursery Lane Suite 201 Fitchburg, Ma.
Meetings: Mee	etings: Will be virtual until further notice
Language: Contact Information:	English and Spanish capacity Kristin Cole 978-751-4164 <u>kcole@mocinc.org</u>

#### FRAMINGHAM #1

Location:	Callahan Senior Center 535 Union Avenue Framingham, Ma.
Meetings:	Meetings are the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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: Child Care:	English Not at this time

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Child Care:	Not at this time
Contact Information:	Carol Casey
	carolcasey@comcast.net

#### FRAMINGHAM #2

Location:	The Framingham Family Resource Center and The Wayside Youth & Family Support Network 88 Lincoln Street Framingham, Ma. 01702
Meetings:	Meetings: 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month 6:00-7:30 p.m. Support for school issues/child care; behavioral/mental health issues; financial resources;
Language:	custody issues; community & statewide resources. English

Child Care: Contact Information:	Dodi Hardsog 508-469-3221 Dodi_hardsog@waysideyouth.org
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
Location:	The Bernon Family YMCA 45 Forge Hill Road Franklin, Ma.
<u>Meetings</u> :	Meetings are held IN-PERSON and ON ZOOM the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

Mpoulten916@gmail.com

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#### **GLOUCESTER**

Sawyer Free Library
Friend Room
2 Dale Avenue
Gloucester, Ma.
2nd and 4th Thursday/moth
12:00 pm -1:00 pm
English
children are welcome
n: 978-283-7198 or <u>tpolhamus@jri.org</u>



Location:	Community Action Family Center 90 Federal Street Greenfield, Ma.
Meetings:	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday each month 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Language:	English
Childcare:	not provided
Contact Information	413-475-1555

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# HAVERHILL

Location:	NFI Parenting Together 76 Winter Street Haverhill, Ma. 01831
Meetings:	Meetings are held each Monday 10:00-11:00 am. And 3:00 pm-4:00pm virtually via Go-to-meeting. This group meets weekly so we can help each other navigate through challenges and joys faced as grandparents raising grandchildren.
Language: Child Care:	English
Contact Information:	Suzanne Genovese 978-766-2248 <u>suzanneGenovese@nafi.com</u>
HOLYOKE	
Location:	Enlace de Familias, FRC 299-301 Main Street Holyoke, Ma. 01040
Meetings: and life experiences.	Meetings are held bi-weekly every two Fridays in person Services: peer to peer support group, learning new skills, legal matters,
Language: Child Care:	** Spanish** Not at this time

Contact Information:	Ruth Sepulveda 413-409-5063 ruth@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:	1 5
	508-815-5100 and ask for Whitney

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#### LAWRENCE AND OTHER NORTH SHORE COMMUNITIES

Location:	Lowell Senior Center (currently meeting virtually) 276 Broadway Street Lowell, Ma. 01854
Meetings:	<ul> <li>3rd Thursday of the month 11:00 am- 12:00 pm</li> <li><i>This group is open to grandparents raising grandchildren throughout the</i></li> <li><i>Merrimack Valley and North Shore.</i></li> <li>*This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.</li> </ul>

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

#### LOWELL

Location:	Lowell Family Resource Center
	27 Prescott Street Lowell, Ma. 01852
Meetings: Language: Child Care:	*Call facilitator for meeting information English
Contact Information:	Lori Sousa, facilitator (978) 942-3264
Lynn	
Location:	The Gregg House After-School Program 106 Broad Street Lynn, Ma. 01902
Meetings:	Meetings are held weekly on Thursdays 9:30-11:00ar Bi-Lingual support available on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurso The Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Support Gro

Meetings:	Meetings are held weekly on Thursdays 9:30-11:00am.
-	Bi-Lingual support available on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

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#### **MANSFIELD**

Location:	The Mansfield Council on Aging Mansfield Public Library 255 Hope Street Mansfield, Ma. 02048
Meetings:	The $2^{nd}$ Wednesday of the month = 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm $2^{nd}$ Tuesday of the month = 10:00 am-11:30 am
Language:	English
Childcare:	not provided
Contact Information	: Melissa Leonard: <u>Melissa.leonard@mansfieldschools.com</u> Josephine Madrazo: <u>jmadrazo@mansfieldma.com</u>

#### MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Location:	Island Wide Youth Collaborative Martha's Vineyard Community Services 111 Vineyard Haven Rd. Vineyard Haven, Ma. 02568
Meetings: "Pa	int and Chat" Once a month on the last Saturday of every month 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Must pre-register in order to have supplies
Language: Child Care: Contact Information:	English Available – must pre-register Chrissie Laury, Facilitator (508) 693-7900 ext. 402 claury@mvcommunityservices.org

### Melrose/Malden/No. Reading

Location:	Tufts Medicine-Melrose Wakefield Health Care Community Services 239 Commercial Street Malden, Ma. 02048
Meetings:	This support group is meeting VIRTUALLY and IN-PERSON:

Meetings held twice a month. Monthly Monday evenings 7:00 pm via zoom. Monthly in-person meetings 11:00 am (on either a Monday or a Tuesday). Please comtact facilitator for more specific information on dates and locations.

Group is open to people in Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading,<br/>Stoneham, Wakefield, Lynnfield, Winchester & surrounding communitiesLanguage:EnglishChild Care:Not ProvidedContact Information:Stephanie Ramy and Joya Pezzuto<br/>781-338-7559<br/>aginginbalance@melrosewakefield.com

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#### NANTUCKET

LOCATION: Nant	ucket Family Resource Center
	1 Freedom Square, Unit B
	Nantucket MA 02554
Meeting:	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 12-1:00PM
	And the 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	on: omclean@familycontinuity.org or 508-815-5115

#### NEW BEDFORD

Location:	NBCCC Family Resource & Development Center 128 Union Street 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor New Bedford, Ma. 02740
Meetings:	Support Group Meetings are held the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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: Child Care: Contact Information:	English Child Care is available, please contact the facilitators for information Kendyll Ramos <u>Kramos@unitedwayofgnb.org</u>

#### NORTH ADAMS

Location:	NBCC The Family Resource Center
	61 Main Street #218
	North Adams, Ma.
Meetings:	Meetings are held the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.
C	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	n: 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 Melia Hoffman <u>mhoffman@18degreesma.org</u> 413-464-5280 Patricia DaSilva McEwan <u>pdasilvamcewan@18degreesma.org</u>
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
Location:	Plymouth Center for Active Living 44 Nook Road Plymouth, Ma. 02360
Meetings: Mee	etings are held every Thursdays @ 10:00 am–12:30 pm weekly support group, information & referral & education Meetings are in-person
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 <u>bhadfield@plymouth-ma.gov</u>
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Location:	Quincy Family Resource Center 1120 Hancock Street 1st Floor Quincy, Ma. 02169
Meetings:	Meetings are held 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 1:00 pm-2:00 pm via zoom.
Language:	English
Child Care:	Not at this time
Contact Information:	Andrea Roderick
	617-481-7227 ext. 157 aroderick@baystatecs.org
	<u>urouorron(w)ouyouttoos.org</u>

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#### SANDWICH #1

Location:	Corpus Christi Parish 324 Quaker Meeting House East Sandwich, Ma.
Meetings: N	Meetings are held the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 10:00 am
Language:	English
Childcare:	not provided
Contact Information:	Maria Bess
	<u>Giftedgrannies1@gmail.com</u>

## SANDWICH

Location:	Forestdale School 151 Route 130 Sandwich, Ma.
Meetings:	Meetings are held the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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: Child Care:	English 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

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:	<b>Emily Billings</b>
	508-909-7582

#### SPRINGFIELD #1

Location:	Gandara Center – Springfield Family Resource Center 18 Gaucher Street Springfield, Ma.
Meetings: Language: Childcare: Contact Information	Contact the center for schedule English not provided 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; <u>MCS can provide an interpreter</u> . Transportation is provided to those in need. A light lunch is provided for meetings, speaker series, and trainings. <b>This project is for grandparents raising</b> <b>grandchildren with intellectual disabilities who have been determined eligible for DDS services.</b>
Language:	English, however, there are grandparents that Spanish is their primary language; <u>MCS can provide an interpreter.</u>
Child Care:	nunguuge, <u>mes eun provide un interpreter.</u>
Contact Information:	
<b>STERLING</b>	
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



Location:	Taunton Family Resource Center 37 Main Street – First Floor Taunton, Ma. 02780
Meetings:	The support group meets the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month 10:30 am-12:30 pm Refreshments served at each meeting
Language: Child Care:	English
Contact Information:	Anne Feroli aferioli@oldcolonyymcaz.org
TAUNTON#2	
Location:	Triumph, Inc. 25 Barnum Street Taunton, Ma. 02780
Meetings:	The support group meets the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month 10:00 am-11:30 am. 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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:	<ul> <li>Website: www.unitedarc.org/ Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month is in-person 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month the meetings are via Zoom.</li> </ul>
Language: Child Care: Contact Information	<ul> <li>information &amp; referral; consultation; intergenerational events Requirements: Grandparent age 55+ with primary custodial care of grandchild(ren)</li> <li>*This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail. English No</li> <li>1 Jan Doody 413-834-8312 janetdoody@theunitedarc.org</li> </ul>

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

#### **WAREHAM**

Location:	Multi-Service Center Room 227 48 Marion Road Wareham, Ma.
Meetings: Mee	etings: 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
<b>WEBSTER</b>	
Location:	Gladys E. Kelly Library
	2 Lake Street Webster, Ma.
Meetings: Eve	ery 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
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English

available upon request

krockwood@worcester.edu

Kimberly Rockwood

978-413-8989

#### WESTFIELD

Contact Information:

Language: Childcare:

Location:	Westfield Boys and Girls Club 21 West Silver Street Westfield, Ma.
Meetings:	Meetings are held the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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: Child Care: Contact Information:	English Provided, please contact facilitators for more information 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: Child Care: Contact Information:	English provided per request Kris Bogosh <u>kbogosh@awrsd.org</u>
<b>WEYMOUTH</b>	
Location:	Weymouth Public Library, Fogg Library 1 Colombian Street Weymouth, Ma.
Meetings: Language: Child Care: Contact Information:	Meetings are held every Monday 7:00-8:45 pm English Not available Judy Geagan (781) 706-7535

## 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 <u>kbickford81@comcast.net</u>