

SUPPORT GROUPS ARE LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY CITY/TOWN

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS LIST IS UPDATED QUARTERLY. IT IS BEST TO CONTACT THE SUPPORT GROUP
DIRECTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION**

GROUPS WITH ** OFFER VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

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**THE COMMISSION ON GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN IS
RUNNING 2 VIRTUAL GRG SUPPORT GROUPS. ENGLISH SPEAKING
GROUP MEETS ONE MONDAY NIGHT/MONTH AT 7:30 PM AND ONE
TUESDAY MORNING/MONTH AT 9:30 AM. SPANISH SPEAKING
GROUP MEETS ON THE 1ST AND 3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM
6:30-8:00PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN A GROUP,
CONTACT MASSGRG@MASS.GOV**

A

ACTON

Location: The Acton Senior Center
30 Sudbury Road
Acton, MA 01720

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

Language: English

Child Care: No

Contact Information: Joe O'Leary
978-897-9595
blackhorse161@gmail.com

AMHERST

Location: The Bridge Family Resource Center
A Program of Clinical and Support Options
101 University Drive, Suite A3
Amherst, MA 01002

Meetings: This support group meets every other Wednesday of the month from
1:00PM-2:00PM

Language: English and Spanish

Child Care:

Contact Information: Anne Barnes
413-549-0297 ext. 6566
Anne.barnes@csinc.org

****ATHOL**

Location: North Quabbin Family Resource Center
109 Lumber St.
Athol, MA 01331
Handicap Accessible

Meetings: This support group meets every Tuesday from 10:30AM–11:30AM.
Meetings are hybrid, if coming in-person must pre-register the
Thursday prior to the meeting due to space. Light refreshments
provided.
***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: Childcare stipend available upon request

Contact Information: Pat Moore
(978) 249-5070
patriciamoore@valuingourchildren.org

ATTLEBORO

Location: Attleboro Family Resource Center
29 N. Main Street
Attleboro, MA 02073

Meetings: This support group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month from
12:00PM-1:30PM

Language:

Child Care:
Contact Information: Gladys Maina
774-203-1516
gmaina@oldcolonyymca.org

BOSTON AREA

**** BOSTON**

Location: Virtual/Boston Senior Home Care

Meetings: This support group meets virtually every other Tuesday from 6:00PM-8:30PM.

Language: English

Childcare:

Contact Information: Hannah Bolster
617-303-6953
supportgroup@bshcinfo.org

DORCHESTER

Location: Family Nurturing Center
3rd Floor
200 Bowdoin Street
Dorchester, MA 02122

Meetings: This support group meets every 1st Saturday of the month from 10:00AM-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.
***This support group is specifically for Cape Verdean speaking grandparents**

Language: Cape Verdean

Child Care: No

Contact Information: Lourença Barros-Randolph
(617)474-1143
Lbarros@familynurturing.org

JAMAICA PLAIN

Location: Julia Martin House
90 Bickford Street
Jamaica Plain, MA

Meetings: This support group meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 10:00AM.

Language: English and Spanish

Childcare:

Contact: Hannah Bolster
617-303-6953
supportgroup@bshcinfo.org

ROXBURY

Location: Boston-Suffolk County Family Resource Center
56 Dimock Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

Meetings: Contact the center for more information

Language:

Child Care:

Contact Information: 617-469-8501
FRC@thehome.org

BOURNE

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

Meetings: Contact Kari for more information

Language: English

Child Care: No

Contact Information: Kari Phinney
508-759-0600 Ext 5227
kphinney@bourne-ma.gov

BRIGHTON

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

Meetings: This support group meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 10:00AM-11:30AM. Services include support group, information, referral, and individual advocacy.

Language: English

Child Care: Not provided

Contact Information: Anne Mazzola
617-746-2056
Anne.mazzola@csjboston.org

BROCKTON

Location: The Family Center – Community Connections of Brockton
1041 Pearl St.
Brockton, MA 02301

Meetings: This support group meets every Tuesday from 6:00PM-7:30PM

Language: English

Childcare: Provided upon request

Contact Information: Victoria Alexis
508-857-0272
victoria.alexis@ccbrockton.org

BROOKFIELD

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

Meetings: This support group meets monthly. Please contact facilitator for days and times

Language: English

Child Care: Provided upon request

Contact Information: Terri McIsaac
774-452-0977
terriamcisaac@gmail.com

C

CHARLTON

Location: St. Joseph's Church
10H Putnam Rd Extension
Charlton, MA 01507

Meetings: Please contact facilitator for meeting information. 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: English
Child Care: Not provided
Contact Information: Ted and Dianne Dubsky
(508) 320-7973
dbdubsky@aol.com

CHELSEA

Location: Harbor Area Family Resource Center
95 4th Street
Chelsea, MA 02150

Meetings: This support group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:30PM-4:30PM.

Language: Spanish and English
Child Care:
Contact Information: 617-437-8550
HarborAreaFRC@thehome.org

CHICOPEE

Location: Chicopee Council on Aging/Chicopee Senior Center
5 West Main Street
Chicopee, MA

Meetings: This support group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM-11:00AM. Meetings are for support, information, and resources, as well as social events. Please register in advance.

Language: English
Child Care: Provided upon request
Contact Information: Tony Pouliot
413-534-3698 Ext 115
apouliot@chicopeema.gov

D

DORCHESTER

Location: Family Nurturing Center
3rd Floor
200 Bowdoin Street
Dorchester, MA 02122

Meetings: This support group meets every 1st Saturday of the month from 10:00AM-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.
***This support group is specifically for Cape Verdean speaking grandparents**

Language: Cape Verdean
Child Care: No
Contact Information: Lourença Barros-Randolph
803-496-4297
Lbarros@familynurturing.org

E

EVERETT

Location: Everett Family Resource Center
548 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

Meetings: This support group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 9:00AM-10:00AM

Language: English
Child Care: No
Contact Information: Amanda Cronin
781-581-4750
acronin@eliotchs.org

F

FALL RIVER

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

Meetings: *English Speaking Group:

This support group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from
5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Dinner and childcare available. Please register ahead of time.

Contact Information: Jaimie Rose
508-567-1735
jrose@frfsa.org

*Spanish Speaking Group:

This support group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from
5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Dinner and childcare available. Please register ahead of time.

Contact Information: Liduvina Huertas
508-567-1735
luertas@frfsa.org

Language: English and Spanish

Childcare: Provided (contact facilitator for more information)

**** FALMOUTH**

Location: Virtual

Meetings: Please contact facilitator for meeting dates and times.

Language: English

Childcare:

Contact Information: Beverly Costa-Ciavola
508-771-4336
beverly@capecoalition.com

FITCHBURG

Location: MOC Family Resource Center
76 Summer St Ste 230
Fitchburg, MA

Meetings: This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in person
from 11:00AM-12:00PM

Language: English (Spanish interpreter can be made available)

Childcare: Available upon request

Contact Information: Kristin Cole, LICSW
978-516-5050

kcole@mocinc.org

****FRAMINGHAM**

Location: Virtual/Wayside Youth and Family Network

Meetings: This support group meets via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month 8:30AM-10:00AM. Support for school issues/child care behavioral/mental health issues; financial resources; custody issues community & statewide resources.
This group is open to all grandparents raising grandchildren throughout Massachusetts.

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: This support group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30PM-7:30PM.

Language: English

Child Care: Upon request

Contact Information: Laurie Brown
508-380-4913

G

****GARDNER**

Location: Gardner Family Resource Center
205 School St Suite 302
Gardner, MA 01440

Meetings: This support group meets every other Monday from 10:00AM-11:00AM. Light refreshments provided.
This support group has a virtual option. Please contact the facilitator for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

Language: English
Child Care: Upon request
Contact information: Catherine Phillips
978-730-1275
Catherine.phillips@csoinc.org

GREAT BARRINGTON

Location: Great Barrington Family Resource Center
141 West Ave.
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Meetings: Call the center for more information

Language:
Child Care:
Contact Information: Shasta Bona
Shasta.bona@csoinc.org
413-528-0298

GREENFIELD

Location: Community Action Family Center
90 Federal Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

Meetings: This support group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from
12:00PM–1:00PM

Language: English
Child Care: Provided upon request
Contact Information: 413-475-1555
familycenter@communityaction.us

H

**** HAVERHILL**

Location: Virtual/NFI Massachusetts, Inc.

Meetings: This support group meets each Monday from 10:00AM-11:00AM
virtually via ZOOM. This group meets weekly so we can help each
other navigate through challenges and joys faced as grandparents
raising grandchildren.

This group is open to all grandparents raising grandchildren throughout Massachusetts

Language: English
Child Care:
Contact Information: Gerrie Cahill
978-766-6146
gerriecahill@nafi.com

HOLYOKE

Location: Enlace de Familias, FRC
299 Main Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

Meetings: This support group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 12:00PM-1:00PM
Services: peer to peer support group, learning new skills, legal matters, and life experiences.

Language: Spanish
Child Care: 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 support group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 4:30PM-6:30PM with Kerry Bickford, a founding member of the Commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren from 2009-2019. This group provides a supportive environment for all grandparents/relative caregivers who play a role in raising grandchildren. Dinner and childcare provided.
**Registration is required.*

Language: English
Child Care: Registration required
Contact Information: Cape Cod Family Resource Center
508-815-5100 or

Kerry Bickford at Kbickford81@comcast.net

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J

JAMAICA PLAIN

Location: Julia Martin House
90 Bickford Street
Jamaica Plain, MA

Meetings: This support group meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 10:00AM.

Language: English and Spanish

Childcare:

Contact: Paula McCarthy
857-303-0689
pmccarthy@bshcinfo.org

K
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LAWRENCE #1

Location: Family and Community Resource Center
1 Union St.
Lawrence, MA 01840

Meetings: This support group meets every other Wednesday from 10:00AM-12:00PM

Language:

Childcare:

Contact: Jenny Perez
978-975-8800
jperez@fsmv.org

LAWRENCE #2

Location: North Andover Senior Center
481 Sutton St., 2nd Floor
North Andover, MA 01845

Meetings: This Grandparent/Relative Support Group, run by **Waystone Health & Human Services**, meets in-person on the first Thursday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. Waystone HHS primarily serves **families with special needs** members, but all are welcome.
This group is open to all of Merrimack Valley.

Language: English, but Spanish connections upon request
Childcare: Not at this time
Contact: Deb Venuti
978-960-9390
dvenuti@waystonehhs.org

**** LOWELL #1**

Location: Virtual/AgeSpan

Meetings: This support group meets virtually on the 1st Friday of every month from 11:00AM-12:00PM
This group is open to all grandparents raising grandchildren throughout Massachusetts

Language: English
Child Care:
Contact Information: Cindy Hession-Richard
978-946-1445
chession@agespan.org

LOWELL #2

Location: NFI Family Resource Center of Greater Lowell
27 Prescott Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Meetings: This support group meets every Monday from 10:00AM-11:00AM

Language: English
Child Care:
Contact Information: Brenna Sullivan
978-455-0701
brennasullivan@nafi.com

LOWELL #3

Location: Lowell Senior Center
276 Broadway St.

Lowell, MA 01854

Meetings: This support group meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 11:00AM.

Language:

Child Care:

Contact Information: Crystal Polizzotti
978-651-3034
CPolizzotti@AgeSpan.org

LYNN

Location: Lynn Senior Center
37 Friend St
Lynn, MA 01901

Meetings: This support group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:00AM-11:00AM.

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.

The group is a community-collaboration 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.

Language: English (Bi-Lingual support available)

Child Care: Not provided

Contact Information: Meegan Simpson-Best, Social Worker
(781) 586-6879 Ext 6500
Mbest@lynnma.gov

M

****MALDEN**

Location: Tufts Medicine-Melrose Wakefield Healthcare Community Services
239 Commercial Street
Malden, MA 02048

Meetings: This support group is meeting VIRTUALLY and IN-PERSON:
Meetings are held twice a month. Monthly Monday evenings at 7:00PM via zoom. Monthly in-person meetings at 11:00AM (on either a Monday or a Tuesday). Please contact facilitator for more specific information on dates and locations.

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

Language: English
Child Care: Not Provided
Contact Information: Stephanie Ramy/Joya Pezzuto
781-338-7559
aginginbalance@tuftsmedicine.org

**** MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

Location: Virtual/ MV Family Resource Center & IWYC at Martha's Vineyard
Community Services

Meetings: Starting in February 2025 this support group will meet on the 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please contact the facilitator for the Zoom link.

Language: English, Portuguese (if requested 3 business days in advance)
Child Care: N/A
Contact Information: Ali Geroche
(508) 693-7900 Ext 398
ageroche@mvcommunityservices.org

MILFORD

Location: 219 East Main St. Suite 102
Milford, MA

Meetings: This support group meets on the 2nd Monday of every month from 10:00AM-11:00AM.

Language:
Child Care:
Contact Information: 508-519-3590 Option 1

N

NANTUCKET

Location: Nantucket Family Resource Center
1B Freedom Square
Nantucket, MA 02554

Meeting: This support group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 3:00PM-4:00PM

Language: English

Child Care: Yes

Contact Information: Gennifer Costanzo
508-221-0193
gcostanzo@nantucketfamilyresourcecenter.org

NEWBURYPORT

Location: YWCA Children's Center
13 Pond Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Meeting: This support group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:30PM-7:00PM. Childcare and pizza provided.

Language:

Child Care: Yes

Contact Information: Kathleen Shaw
kathleenshaw@comcast.net

NEW BEDFORD

Location: The Family Resource & Development Center
128 Union Street 3rd Floor
New Bedford, MA 02740

Meetings: This support group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:30PM-7:30PM. Dinner is provided.

Language: English

Child Care: Limited child care is available, please contact the center for information

Contact Information: 508-994-4521
FRDCreferral@unitedwayofgnb.org

NORTH ADAMS

Location: Uno Community Center

127 River St
North Adams, MA

Meetings: This support group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 10:00AM-12:00PM

Language: English

Childcare: No

Contact Information: Donna Senecal
413-663-7588
dsenecal@nbccoalition.org

NORTH ANDOVER

Location: North Andover Senior Center
481 Sutton St., 2nd Floor
North Andover, MA 01845

Meetings: This Grandparent/Relative Support Group, run by **Waystone Health & Human Services**, meets in-person on the first Thursday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. Waystone HHS primarily serves **families with special needs** members, but all are welcome.
This group is open to all of Merrimack Valley.

Language: English, but Spanish connections upon request

Childcare: Not at this time

Contact: Deb Venuti
978-960-9390
dvenuti@waystonehhs.org

O

OXFORD

Location: Oxford High School
100 Carbuncle Dr.
Oxford, MA 01540

Meeting: This support group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30AM

Language: English

Child Care: Available upon request

Contact Information: Kimberly Rockwood

978-413-8989
krockwood@worchester.edu

P

PITTSFIELD

Location: 18 Degrees Family Resource Center
480 West St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Meetings: This support group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from
4:00PM-5:30PM.

Language:

Child Care:

Contact Information: Jermaine
413-448-8281
info@18degreesma.org

PLYMOUTH #1

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

Meetings: This support group meets every Thursday from 10:00AM–12:30PM.
Provides information, referral and education
Meetings are in-person

Language: English (Translation for Haitian Creole, Portuguese, French, and
Spanish available upon request)

Child Care: No

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

PLYMOUTH #2

Location: MAP Academy
11 Resnik Rd.
Plymouth, MA 02360

Meetings: This support group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 5:00PM-7:00PM.
Refreshments and snacks are provided.

Language: English
Child Care:
Contact Information: 774-283-6531

Q

QUINCY

Location: Quincy Family Resource Center
1120 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02169

Meetings: This support group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11:00PM-12:00PM

Language: English
Child Care: Not at this time
Contact Information: 617-481-7227 ext. 157

R

ROXBURY

Location: Boston-Suffolk County Family Resource Center
56 Dimock Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

Meetings: Contact the center for more information

Language:
Child Care:
Contact Information: 617-469-8501
FRC@thehome.org

S

****SALEM**

Location: Virtual/ Pathways for Children – Salem Family Resource Center

Meetings: This support group meets virtually on the first and third Thursday of the month from 11:00AM-12:30PM.

This group is open to all grandparents raising grandchildren throughout Massachusetts.

Language: English
Childcare: None
Contact Information: Jeanine Helen
978-296-8088
jhelen@pw4c.org

SANDWICH #1

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

Meetings: This support group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:00AM

Language: English
Childcare: Not provided
Contact Information: Maria Bess
Giftedgrannies1@gmail.com

SANDWICH #2

Location: Forestdale School
151 Route 130
Sandwich, MA

Meetings: This support group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. 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: Val Perry
vperry@cfsservices.org

****SOUTHBRIDGE**

Location: Southbridge Family Resource Center

5 Optical Drive
Southbridge, MA 01550

Meetings: This support group meets in person on the 1st Monday of every month from 10:00AM-11:00AM and virtually on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 4:30PM-5:30PM via Microsoft Teams (Please call the contact number below for link)

Language: English
Childcare: Not Provided
Contact Information: 508-519-3590 Option 1

SPRINGFIELD

Location: Virtual - Gandara Center - Springfield Family Resource Center

Meetings: This support group meets every Tuesday from 10:00AM-11:00AM

Language: English
Childcare: Not Provided
Contact Information: 413-733-7699

STOUGHTON

Location: Stoughton YMCA
445 Central Street
Stoughton, MA 02072

Meetings: This support group meets every Tuesday from 10:00AM-11:00AM

Language:
Childcare: Provided
Contact Information: Teresa Tapper, LMHC
781-232-9383
ttapper@stoughton-ma.gov

T

TAUNTON #1

Location: Taunton Family Resource Center
37 Main Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Meetings: The support group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month

from 11:00AM-12:30PM
Lunch served at each meeting

Language: English
Child Care:

Contact Information: Britany Freitas
774-501-2633
bfreitas@oldcolonyymca.org

TAUNTON #2

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

Meetings: This support group meets the 4th Thursday of every month from
10:00 AM-11:30AM.

Language: English
Child Care: No
Contact Information: Nancy Tilbe
508-822-5388 Ext 208
ntilbe@triumphinc.org

TOWNSEND

Location: NM Cares Drop In Center
241 Main St.
Townsend, MA 01469

Meeting: Please contact facilitator for information

Language:
Child Care:
Contact Information: Lauren Geanacopulos
northmiddlesexcares@gmail.com

TURNERS FALLS

Location: United Arc
294 Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

Meetings: This support group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

10:00AM-11:30AM in-person

Information & referral; consultation; intergenerational events

*This group is open to all grandparents and relative caregivers in Franklin County

Language: English
Child Care: No
Contact Information: 413-774-5558

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W

WALPOLE

Location: Walpole Council on Aging
60 South St.
Walpole, MA 02081

Meetings: This support group meets the second Wednesday of each month from 12:00PM-1:30PM. Lunch is provided. Call to register.

Language: English
Childcare: Please contact the facilitator for more information
Contact: Jillian Nauman
508-668-3330
jnauman@walpole-ma.gov

****WARE**

Location: BNH Family Resource Center
82 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

Meetings: This support group meets every Thursday from 10:30AM-11:30AM in-person, last Thursday of the month the meeting is hybrid. Please register for the zoom link.
Join us weekly to have adult conversation and to connect with others going through the same things you are, trying to be both parent and grandparent. For more information or to register contact the Family Resource Center

Language: English

Child Care: No
Contact Information: Lynn Guertin or Rachel Reniere
413-277-6601
Lynn.guertin@bhninc.org

WAREHAM

Location: Wareham Middle School
4 Viking Drive
Wareham, MA 02571

Meetings: This support group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month

Language: English

Child Care:
Contact Information: Pat Gagnon
508-291-3500 ext. 3556

WESTFIELD

Location: Westfield Family Resource Center
16 George St.
Westfield, MA 01085

Meetings: This support group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:00PM-6:30PM. Child care and food is provided.

Language: English

Child Care: Yes
Contact Information: Ashley Watt
413-307-3309
awatt@gandaracenter.org

WESTMINSTER

Location: Westminster Senior Center
69 West Main Street
Westminster, MA 01473

Meetings: Contact Dorene for more information.

Language: English

Child Care: Provided upon request
Contact Information: Dorene Francis
Dorenefrancis629@gmail.com

WINCHENDON #1

Location: 325 Monomonac Road West
Winchendon, MA

Meetings: This support group meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30PM.

Language:

Child Care: No

Contact Information: Cheryl Haddad
hadaylcat@aol.com

WINCHENDON #2

Location: Winchendon Senior Center
52 Murdock Ave.
Winchendon, MA 01475

Meetings: This support group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM.

Language:

Child Care: Provided upon request

Contact Information: Cheryl Haddad
hadaylcat@aol.com
978-297-3155

WORCESTER

Location: Worcester Family Resource Center
20 Cedar Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Meetings: This support group meets on the 3rd Friday of every month from 9:00AM-10:30AM. Join other grandparents and kinship caregivers of children. Light breakfast and coffee served at meetings.
*Please RSVP for meeting

Language: English

Child Care: Yes

Contact: Debbie
508-796-0118
dbunker@sevenhills.org

STATEWIDE SPECIALIZED VIRTUAL GROUPS:

1. Meetings: This support group for *grandparents raising grandchildren with mental health needs* meets virtually the 2nd Thursday of the month from 12:00PM-2:00PM and the 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30PM-8:30PM.

Description: Peer-to-Peer Support for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. This is a time to connect with, learn from, and support other grandparents raising grandchildren with mental health needs. Join us for learning, sharing & conversation with a focus on mental health wellness in a confidential and welcoming place.

Contact: CantonParentSupport@ppal.net

2. Meetings: *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren with Trauma* meets virtually on alternating Wednesdays at 10:00AM.

Description: This meeting is a free virtual support and discussion group for grandparents who are the caregiver of a child or children who has experienced physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, community violence, domestic violence and/or loss- by homicide. A brief screening will be completed to determine eligibility.

Contact: Jessie Channell jchannell@eliotchs.org 781-999-5229 or
Maggie Whited mwhited@eliotchs.org 781-230-9671

****Statewide GRG Grief Supports:**

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Virtual 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 on the first Thursday and 3rd Monday of every month. Please contact Kerry for the link at kbickford81@comcast.net

Jeffs Place Bereavement Center, 281 Pleasant St. Framingham www.jeffsplace.org

In-person grief support groups for caregivers, including grandparents raising children (ages 3.5–18), are available in both the afternoon and evening. A specialized substance use loss group is also offered. While children and teens attend their respective groups, caregivers meet simultaneously in their own group. All groups are led by a clinician and a volunteer.

Please check our group listings here: <https://www.jeffsplace.org/grief-support-services>

English

No childcare

For more information, please contact us at info@jeffsplace.org or 508-879-2800.

Jeff's Place Bereavement Center www.jeffsplace.org Online Group

This virtual support group, held via Zoom, is for grandparents supporting a grieving grandchild. (Eligible losses include the death of a child, a daughter- or son-in-law, or a grandchild). Meetings are Mondays, 2x/month at 3-4pm EST / 2-3pm CT / 12-1 PT. Registration is required.

English

Apply here: <https://www.jeffsplace.org/grandparent-grief-support-group/>

For more information about our grandparent support group, please contact info@jeffsplace.org or 508-879-2800.