

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren / Kinship Care



Resources for grandparents or other kinship caregivers raising children:

NM Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) / Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) provides information on resources and services in the community, including kinship support.

☎ 1-800-432-2080, TTY 505-476-4937

🖨 <https://aging.nm.gov/consumer-elder-rights/aging-disability-resource-center-adrc/>

NM Human Services Department (HSD) /Income Support Division (ISD) - offers emergency food assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Low Income Energy Assistance, and health coverage (Medicaid).

☎ 1-800-283-4465 🖨 <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/Default.aspx>

Pegasus Legal Services for Children –provides information and civil legal services to assist grandparents raising grandchildren and other kinship caregivers in obtaining *kinship-guardianship*, especially in contested situations. Pegasus intake for kinship guardianship is through the Guardianship Legal Helpline. For free and low cost Kinship Guardianship legal services: ☎ 505-217-1660, 1-833-355-6944 Se habla español.

🖨 <http://pegasuslaw.org/>

Advocacy, Inc., New Mexico Guardianship Project – serves children and youth, birth to 18 years old living with grandparents, family members and caretakers. Information and referral regarding guardianship and adoption is provided. Downloadable forms (Power of Attorney, Caregiver’s Affidavit) and links to financial benefit information are available at 🖨 www.nmadvocacy.org. It also provides legal representation in uncontested guardianship and adoption cases. A fee is charged on a sliding scale, based on income.

☎ 1-866-257-5320 or email kids@nmadvocacy.org

Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP) – information and referral for seniors age 55 and over. Provides a free English/Spanish, downloadable 🖨 [NM Senior Legal Handbook](#); Chapter 12 covers “Grandparent Caregivers/Kinship Guardianship”. Access the *Handbook* at 🖨 <https://www.sbnm.org/For-Public/Legal-Resources-for-the-Elderly>, click on the *Publications* tab. ☎ 1-800-876-6657

Las Cumbres Community Services (serves Rio Arriba and Santa Fe Counties only) – *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program* offers information, resources, monthly support group meetings, and educational opportunities, publications, discussion blogs, and a yearly conference.

☎ 505-955-0410 or at <https://www.lascumbres-nm.org>

The City of Santa Fe, Division of Senior Services – assists grandparents or kinship caregivers who pay out-of-pocket expenses for medical services, food, clothing and more for those they care for. Persons 55 years or older who live in the city/county of Santa Fe, and who show proof of actively caregiving and providing financial assistance for those they care for, may receive up to \$200.00 annually per household for reimbursable expenses. ☎ 505-955-4721 or <https://santafenm.gov/community-services/division-of-senior-services>

Outcomes, Inc. (serves Albuquerque and Rio Rancho) – *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program* provides monthly grandparent support groups, with childcare; grandparent counseling; quarterly *Grandparent University* workshops; and referrals to resources in the community that can help with a variety of issues, including legal assistance, medical insurance, income support and more.

☎ 505 243-2551 🌐 <https://www.outcomesnm.org/grandparents-raising-grandchildren>.

Methodist Children’s Home (MCH) Family Outreach, Grandparents as Parents (GAP) Program (Albuquerque, Las Cruces) – provides case management services to kinship caregivers or grandparents raising their grandchildren. These services include connection to community supports, advocacy and help accessing services to meet basic needs. Custody or guardianship are not required.

☎ 505-255-8740 ☎ 575-222-0177 🌐 <https://www.mch.org/services/gap/>

AARP offers a step-by-step guide for grandparents raising grandchildren: *Grandfamilies Guide*, on-line at www.aarp.org/relationships/friends-family/info-08-2011/granfamilies-guide-getting-started.html. or <https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/relationships/friends-family/grandfacts/grandfacts-national.pdf>

☎ 1-866-389-5636

Head Start and Early Head Start programs promote school readiness, support the mental, social, and emotional development of children from birth to age 5 years, throughout New Mexico. Under Head Start regulations, when a family receives kinship or foster care for a child, such child is considered categorically income eligible for free enrollment into the program.

☎ 1-866-763-6481 🌐 <https://www.newmexicokids.org/quality-programs/head-start-early-head-start/>

Grandfamilies.org serves as a national legal resource in support of grand families within and outside the child welfare system. This website, <http://www.granfamilies.org/>, provides state-specific fact sheets about a wide range of services and resources. To download the New Mexico fact sheet go to:

🌐 <https://www.granfamilies.org/Portals/0/State%20Fact%20Sheets/New%20Mexico%20GrandFacts%20State%20Fact%20Sheet%202021%20Update.pdf>

New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) Kinship Guardianship Program

– in collaboration with [Fostering Family](#) and [SHARE New Mexico](#) provides a team of navigators to link grandparents and other relatives raising children to the resources they need for all to thrive.

☎ 505-373-4642 🌐 <https://sharenm.org/kinship-navigation>

New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) – [Home Visiting](#) is a free, relationship-based program for families who are pregnant or have children under age five; home visitors see you in the convenience of your home or *via* remote telehealth sessions. The [Child Care Assistance](#) program subsidizes the cost of child care for families at or below 400% of the federal poverty level and who are working, in school, or searching for employment. The [Family Nutrition Bureau](#) ensures eligible children and adults receive nutritious meals that meet USDA meal pattern requirements. The [Family Infant Toddler \(FIT\)](#) program provides early intervention services to eligible families, infants and toddlers with qualifying developmental delays or disabilities. ☎ 800-832-1321 🌐 <https://www.nmeccd.org/>

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