

# GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN RESOURCES

## [The Children's Defense Fund](#)

Child Welfare & Mental Health Division  
25 E. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001  
**PH:** 202-662-3568

**Services:** Offers several free resources for grandparents raising grandchildren: "[Kinship Care Resource Kit](#) for Community & Faith Based Organizations: Helping Grandparents & Other Relatives Raising Grandchildren," [Grandparents & Other Relative Caregiver's Guides](#), Kinship Care State Fact Sheets, and others. Find these resources at: [www.childrensdefense.org/](http://www.childrensdefense.org/)  
Click on "Child Welfare & Mental Health" on the left menu, then see a little light blue box on the right of the screen entitled "Inside Child Welfare" and click on "Kinship Care."

## [GrandsPlace](#)

154 Cottage Rd., Enfield, CT 06082  
**PH:** 860-763-5789  
**Hours:** Online 24/7

**Services:** At this site we hope to provide a safe and accepting environment where caregivers can join together and give each other the support and comfort needed. What we can provide is a caring, knowing, and sympathetic ear because we have been there or are there. Also a page just for the kids!  
<http://grandsplace.com/>

## [Social Security Benefits for Grandchildren](#)

Social Security Online  
**PH:** 1-800-772-1213 TTY: 1-800-325-0778  
**Hours:** 7:00am-7:00pm Monday-Friday

**Services:** More and more parents are finding themselves raising grandchildren. Social Security will pay benefits to grandchildren if benefits are not payable on the work record of a parent.  
[www.ssa.gov/kids/parent5.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/kids/parent5.htm)

Find your local SSA Office at:  
<https://s044a90.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp>

## [Social Security Disability Starter Kits](#)

This kit will help you get ready for your disability interview or online application. Available for adults and for children under age 18. They provide general information about the disability programs and the decision-making process that can help take some of the mystery out of applying for disability benefits. Each starter kit contains:

**Fact sheet** that answers questions most people ask about applying for disability benefits,  
**Checklist** of documents and information they will request  
**Worksheet** to help you gather and organize the information you will need.  
[www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability\\_starter\\_kits.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm)

## [AARP](#)

601 E Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20049  
**PH:** 1-888-687-2277  
**Hours:** 6am-11pm CT Monday-Friday  
**Services:** Information to help grandparents raising grandchildren. Find the listed resources at:  
[www.aarp.org/families/grandparents/raising\\_grandchild/](http://www.aarp.org/families/grandparents/raising_grandchild/)  
AARP grandparent site:  
[www.aarp.org/families/grandparents/](http://www.aarp.org/families/grandparents/)

## [Generations United](#)

1333 H Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20005  
**PH:** 202-289-3979  
**Hours:** Online 24/7  
**Services:** Newsletter, publications, how-to guides, fact sheets, online forums and chats, up to date information on legislation/policy that affect intergenerational relationships.  
[www.gu.org/](http://www.gu.org/)

## [National Center on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren](#)

Georgia State University  
College of Health & Human Sciences  
P.O. Box 3995, Atlanta, GA 30302-3995  
**PH:** 404-651-1049  
**Hours:** Online 24/7  
**Services:** To improve quality of life for intergenerational kinship care families via education, advocacy & promotion of sound legislation, policy & practice to increase stability in these families.  
<http://chhs.gsu.edu/nationalcenter/>

## [FirstGov.gov](#)

Federal Citizen Information Center  
Office of Citizen Services & Communications U.S. General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20405  
**PH:** Fed Info 1-800-333-4636  
**Hours:** 7am-4pm CT  
**Services:** Information for grandparents raising grandchildren can be found online at:  
[www.firstgov.gov/Topics/Grandparents.shtml](http://www.firstgov.gov/Topics/Grandparents.shtml)