

Are you a Grandparent raising your grandchild?

Are you an Uncle or an Aunt raising a niece or nephew?

Would you like to meet other families like yours?

Do you want to learn about information and resources in the community?



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Raising Children**

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# KINnections Program

The KINnections Program at MSPCC connects grandparents & relatives raising children to a variety of resources, information & activities in their community that support and strengthen families. KINnections provides a comprehensive array of support services.



## Grandparents & Relatives Raising Children



· **Support Groups** - provides opportunities to meet with others, exchange ideas, trade stories, share wisdom and learn new ways to strengthen your family in a caring, confidential, supportive environment.

· **Caregiver Education Programs**- provide information on a variety of topics and issues relevant to families including child development, educational advocacy, health care eligibility, housing services, mental health, legal issues, and positive parenting strategies among others

· **Information Assistance** – a range of information and resources that address family concerns in a timely and respectful manner. KINnections provides information resources that promote greater self-sufficiency for families. These include resources in the area of food, resources, housing, rental subsidies, Section 8, furniture banks, transportation, safety, legal services to include guardianship, custody status, and subsidies.

· **Respite Care Supports** – Camperships, after-school programs and enrichment activities in the community

· **Family Focused Activities**- opportunities to participate in various events in the community that are fun, enriching and family centered.

· **Signature Events** – KINnections host a variety of Annual Events: The Mother's Day Luncheon / Educational Forum-May, Grandparents Day Celebration-September & the Giving Thanks Luncheon-November. These events provide members the opportunity to gather and celebrate their families.

· **Partnership with Cradles to Crayons** – Provides families everyday essentials including: books, toys, clothing, shoes and jackets.