SUPPORT GROUPS ARE LISTED IN LPHABETICAL 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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MARCH 2024

THE COMMISSION ON GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN IS RUNNING A VIRTUAL GRG SUPPORT GROUP. MEETINGS ARE ONE MONDAY NIGHT/MONTH AT 7:30 PM AND ONE TUESDAY MORNING/MONTH AT 9:30 AM FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN THE GROUP, CONTACT COLLEEN.PRITONI@MASS.GOV OR KRISTEN.S.CIPULLO@MASS.GOV

ACTON

The Acton Senior Center Location:

> 30 Sudbury Road Acton, MA 01720

This support group meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from Meetings:

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.

English Language: Child Care: No

Contact Information: Joe O'Leary

978-897-9595

blackhorse161@gmail.com

**AMHERST

<u>Location</u>: 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 the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month

from 1:00PM-2:00PM

*This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-

mail.

<u>Language</u>:

English and Spanish

Child Care:

Contact Information: Anne Barnes

413-549-0297 ext. 6566 Anne.barnes@csoinc.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-12:00PM

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.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Childcare stipend available upon request

Contact Information: Gina Crossman

(978) 249-5070

Ginacrossman@valuingourchildren.org

ATTLEBORO

<u>Location:</u> Attleboro Family Resource Center

29 N. Main Street Attleboro, MA 02073

Meetings: This support group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 5:00PM-

7:00PM and the 4^{th} Thursday of the month from 10:00AM-12:00PM

<u>Language:</u> Child Care:

Contact Information: Gladys Maina

774-203-1516

gmaina@oldcolonyymca.org

BILLERICA

Location:

Meetings: Contact Tracey or Anita for more information

<u>Language:</u> English Child Care: No

Contact Information: Tracey Rudenick 978-417-0744

Anita Tofuri 617-470-7654

BOSTON AREA:

DORCHESTER

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Language:</u> Cape Verdean

<u>Child Care</u>: No

Contact Information: Lourenca Barros-Randolph

(617)474-1143

Lbarros@familynurturing.org

ROXBURY

<u>Location:</u> Boston-Suffolk County Family Resource Center

56 Dimock Street Roxbury, MA 02119

Meetings: Contact the center for more information

<u>Language:</u> Child Care:

Contact Information: 617-469-8501

FRC@thehome.org

BOURNE

<u>Location:</u> Bourne Council on Aging

239 Main Street

Buzzards Bay, MA 02532

Meetings: Contact Kari for more information

<u>Language:</u> English <u>Child Care:</u> No

<u>Contact Information:</u> Kari Phinney

508-759-0600 Ext 5227

 $\underline{kphinney@townofbourne.com}$

BRIGHTON

<u>Location:</u> 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.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Not provided

Contact Information: Anne Mazzola

617-746-2056

Anne.mazzola@csjboston.org

BROCKTON

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Childcare:</u> Provided upon request

<u>Contact Information:</u> Maria Brennan

508-857-0272

Maria.brennan@ccbrockton.org

BROOKFIELD

<u>Location:</u> Quaboag Church

175 Fiskdale Rd.

Brookfield, MA 01506

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

and times

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Provided upon request

<u>Contact Information:</u> 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.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Not provided

Contact Information: Ted and Dianne Dubsky

(508) 320-7973 dbdubsky@aol.com

CHELSEA

<u>Location:</u> Harbor Area Family Resource Center

95 4th Street

Chelsea, MA 02150

Meetings: Contact the center for more information

<u>Language:</u>

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.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Provided upon request

<u>Contact Information:</u> Tony Pouliot

413-534-3698 Ext 115 apouliot@chicopeema.gov



DORCHESTER

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Language:</u> Cape Verdean

<u>Child Care</u>: No

Contact Information: Lourenca Barros-Randolph

(617)474-1143

Lbarros@familynurturing.org

E

EVERETT

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Contact Information:</u> Amanda Cronin

781-581-4750

acronin@eliotchs.org

<u>F</u>

FALL RIVER

<u>Location:</u> 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.

*Spanish Speaking Group:

This support group meets the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Thursday of each month from

5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Dinner and childcare available. Please register ahead of time.

<u>Language:</u> English and Spanish

<u>Childcare:</u> Provided (contact facilitator for more information)

Contact Information: Jaydith Matias-Diaz

508-567-1735 jdaiz@frfsa.org

**FALMOUTH

<u>Location:</u> East Falmouth Elementary School

33 Davisville Rd.

E. Falmouth, MA 02536

Meetings: This support group meets every 1st Thursday and every 3rd Tuesday of

the month at 6:00PM via zoom.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Childcare:</u> Registration required <u>Contact Information:</u> Beverly Costa-Ciavola

508-771-4336

beverly@capecoalition.com

FITCHBURG

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Language:</u> English (Spanish interpreter can be made available)

Childcare:

Contact Information: Kristin Cole, LICSW

978-751-4164 kcole@mocinc.org

**FRAMINGHAM #2

<u>Location:</u> The Framingham Family Resource Center and The Wayside Youth &

Family Support Network

88 Lincoln Street

Framingham, MA 01702

Meetings: This support group meets via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every

month 9:30AM-11:00AM. Support for school issues/child care

behavioral/mental health issues; financial resources; custody issues

community & statewide resources.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u>

Contact Information: Dodi Hardsog

508-469-3221

Dodi hardsog@waysideyouth.org

FRANKLIN

<u>Location</u>: The Bernon Family YMCA

45 Forge Hill Road

Franklin, MA

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

from 6:30PM-7:30PM.

<u>Language</u>: English

<u>Child Care</u>: Upon request <u>Contact Information</u>: Laurie Brown

508-528-8708

G

GARDNER

<u>Location:</u> Gardner Family Resource Center

205 School St Suite 302 Gardner, MA 01440

Meetings: This support group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month

from 10:00AM-11:00AM. Light refreshments provided.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Yes upon request

<u>Contact information:</u> Josie Heath

Joellen.heath@csoinc.org

Catherine Phillips

Catherine.phillips@csoinc.org

978-730-1275

GREAT BARRINGTON

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>GREENFIELD</u>

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Provided upon request

Contact Information: 413-475-1555

familycenter@communityaction.us

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**HAVERHILL

<u>Location:</u> NFI Parenting Together

76 Winter St

Haverhill, MA 01831

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.

<u>Language:</u> English

Child Care:

<u>Contact Information:</u> Gerrie Cahill

978-766-6146

gerriecahill@nafi.com

HOLYOKE

<u>Location:</u> 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.

<u>Language:</u> Spanish

<u>Child Care:</u> Not at this time <u>Contact Information:</u> Ruth Sepulveda

413-409-5063

ruth@enlacedefamilias.org

HYANNIS

<u>Location:</u> 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.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Registration required

Contact Information: Cape Cod Family Resource Center

508-815-5100 or

Kerry Bickford at Kbickford81@comcast.net

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<u>J</u>

<mark>Jamaica Plain</mark>

<u>Location:</u> Julia Martin House

90 Bickford Street Jamaica Plain, MA

Meetings: *Spanish Speaking Group:

This support group meets every 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Friday of every month from

10:00AM-11:30AM.

Language: Spanish

Childcare:

<u>Contact:</u> Waetie-Sanaa Burnette

781-296-7869

wburnette@eliotchs.org

Meetings: * English Speaking Group:

This support group meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of every month from

10:30AM-12:00PM.

<u>Language:</u>

English

<u>Childcare:</u> Contact:

Waetie-Sanaa Burnette

781-296-7869

wburnette@eliotchs.org

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LAWRENCE

<u>Location:</u> 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:

<u>Contact:</u> Jenny Perez

978-975-8800 iperez@fsmv.org

**LOWELL #1

<u>Location:</u> Virtual

Meetings: This support group meets virtually on the 1st Friday of every

month from 11:00AM-12:00PM

This group is open to grandparents raising grandchildren throughout

the Merrimack Valley and North Shore.

<u>Language:</u> English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Cindy Hession-Richard

978-946-1445

chession@agespan.org

Lowell #2

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Language:</u>

English

Child Care:

<u>Contact Information:</u> Brenna Sullivan

978-455-0701

brennasullivan@nafi.com

Lowell #3

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Location:</u> 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.

*This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-

mail.

<u>Language:</u> English (Bi-Lingual support available)

<u>Child Care:</u> Not provided

<u>Contact Information:</u> Meegan Simpson-Best, Social Worker

(781) 586-6879 Ext 6500

Mbest@lynnma.gov

M

**MALDEN

<u>Location:</u> 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

MANSFIELD

<u>Location:</u> The Mansfield Council on Aging

255 Hope Street

Mansfield, MA 02048

Meetings: Contact Melissa or Josephine for more information

<u>Language:</u> Child Care:

Contact Information: Melissa Leonard

Melissa.leonard@mansfieldschools.com

Josephine Madrazo

<u>jmadrazo@mansfieldma.com</u>

Martha's Vineyard:

VINEYARD HAVEN

Location: Island Wide Youth Collaborative

Martha's Vineyard Community Services

111 Edgartown Rd. Bldg D Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Meetings: This support group meets on the second Tuesday of the month from

5:00PM-6:00PM. Light dinner will be served.

<u>Language:</u> English (interpretation to Portuguese available by request)

<u>Child Watch:</u> Available – must pre-register

Contact Information: Ali Geroche

(508) 693-7900 Ext 398

ageroche@mvcommunityservices.org

N

Nantucket |

<u>Location:</u> Nantucket Family Resource Center

1B Freedom Square Nantucket, MA 02554

Meeting: This support group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month

from 3:00PM-4:00PM

<u>Language:</u> English <u>Child Care:</u> Yes

Contact Information: Gennifer Costanzo

508-221-0193

gcostanzo@nantucketfamilyresourcecenter.org

NEWBURYPORT

<u>Location:</u> 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:

<u>Child Care:</u> Yes

Contact Information: Kathleen Shaw

kathleenshaw@comcast.net

NEW BEDFORD

<u>Location:</u> 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.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> 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: Yes, available upon request

Contact Information: Donna Senecal

413-663-7588

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OXFORD

<u>Location:</u> Oxford High School

100 Carbuncle Dr. Oxford, MA 01540

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

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Available upon request <u>Contact Information:</u> Kimberly Rockwood

978-413-8989

krockwood@worcester.edu

P

PITTSFIELD

<u>Location:</u> 18 Degrees Family Resource Center

480 West St.

Pittsfield, MA 01201

Meetings: This support group meets the 2nd and 4th Friday from 10:00AM-

11:30AM

<u>Language:</u>

Child Care:

Contact Information: 413-448-8281

info@18degreesma.org

PLYMOUTH #1

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Language:</u> English (Translation for Haitian Creole, Portuguese, French, and

Spanish available upon request)

<u>Child Care:</u> No

Contact Information: Beth Hadfield

(508) 830-4230

bhadfield@plymouth-ma.gov

PLYMOUTH #2

<u>Location:</u> Plymouth Family Resource Center

430-3 Court Street Plymouth, MA 02360

Meetings: This support group meets the first Saturday of every month from

9:00AM-10:00AM

<u>Language:</u> English <u>Child Care:</u> Yes

Contact Information: Tom Powers

774-283-6531

tpowers@baystatecs.org

Q

QUINCY

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Not at this time <u>Contact Information:</u> Andrea Roderick

617-481-7227 ext. 157 aroderick@baystatecs.org

R

ROXBURY

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>s</u>

<u>Location:</u> Pathways for Children Family Resource Center

27 Congress St. Salem, MA 01970

Meetings: This support group meets the first Monday of the month from

11:00AM-12:30PM

<u>Language:</u> English <u>Childcare:</u> None

Contact Information: Michelle Fowler

978-296-8080 <u>Mfowler@jri.org</u>

SANDWICH #1

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Childcare:</u> Not provided <u>Contact Information:</u> Maria Bess

Giftedgrannies1@gmail.com

SANDWICH #2

<u>Location:</u> 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.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Child Care available upon request, please contact facilitator for more

information.

<u>Contact Information:</u> Val Perry

vperry@cfservices.org

SOUTHBRIDGE

<u>Location:</u> Southbridge Family Resource Center

5 Optical Drive

Southbridge, MA 01550

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

11:00AM

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Childcare:</u> Not Provided Contact Information: Susan Luna

508-519-3508 or 508-519-3590 Option 1

sluna@sevenhills.org

SPRINGFIELD

<u>Location:</u> Gandara Center - Springfield Family Resource Center

1095 Main St

Springfield, MA 01109

Meetings: This support group meets virtually every other Tuesday from 5:30PM-

7:30PM

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Childcare:</u> Not Provided <u>Contact Information:</u> 413-733-7699

STOUGHTON

<u>Location:</u> Stoughton YMCA

445 Central Street Stoughton, MA 02072

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

Language:

<u>Childcare:</u> Provided

Contact Information: Teresa Tapper, LMHC

781-232-9383

ttapper@stoughton-ma.gov

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TAUNTON #1

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u>

<u>Contact Information:</u> Anne Ferioli

508-916-6848

 $\underline{aferioli@oldcolonyymca.org}$

TAUNTON #2

<u>Location:</u> 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.

<u>Language:</u> English Child Care: No

Contact Information: Nancy Tilbe

508-822-5388 Ext 2-8 ntilbe@triumphinc.org

TOWNSEND

<u>Location:</u> NM Cares Drop In Center

241 Main St.

Townsend, MA 01469

Meeting: Please contact facilitator for information

<u>Language:</u> <u>Child Care:</u>

Contact Information: Lauren Geanacopulos

 $\underline{northmiddlesexcares@gmail.com}$

TURNERS FALLS

<u>Location:</u> 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





VINEYARD HAVEN

<u>Location:</u> Island Wide Youth Collaborative

Martha's Vineyard Community Services

111 Edgartown Rd. Bldg D Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Meetings: This support group meets on the second Tuesday of the month from

5:00PM-6:00PM. Light dinner will be served.

<u>Language:</u> English (interpretation to Portuguese available by request)

<u>Child Watch:</u> Available – must pre-register

Contact Information: Ali Geroche

(508) 693-7900 Ext 398

ageroche@mvcommunityservices.org

W

WALPOLE

<u>Location:</u> 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.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Childcare:</u> Please contact the facilitator for more information

Contact: Jillian Nauman

508-668-3330

jnauman@walpole-ma.gov

WARE

<u>Location:</u> BNH Family Resource Center

82 Main Street Ware, MA 01082 Meetings: This support group meets every Thursday from 10:30AM-11:30AM in-

person

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

<u>Language:</u> English

Child Care:

<u>Contact Information:</u> Lynn Guertin

413-277-6601

Lynn.guertin@bhninc.org

WAREHAM

<u>Location:</u> 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

<u>Location:</u> Westfield Family Resource Center

16 George St.

Westfield, MA 01085

Meetings: This support group meets twice on the 1st Monday of the month from

10:30AM-12:00PM and again at 5:00PM-6:30PM. Child care and food is

provided.

<u>Language:</u> English <u>Child Care:</u> Yes

<u>Contact Information:</u> Ashley Watt

413-307-3309

awatt@gandaracenter.org

WESTMINSTER

<u>Location:</u> Westminster Senior Center

69 West Main Street Westminster, MA 01473

Meetings: Contact Dorene for more information.

<u>Language:</u> English

<u>Child Care:</u> Provided upon request

Contact Information: Dorene Francis

Dorenefrancis629@gmail.com

WINCHENDON

Location:

Meetings: Contact the facilitator for information

Language:

Child Care:

Contact Information: Cheryl Haddad

hadaylcat@aol.com

WORCESTER

<u>Location:</u> Worcester Family Resource Center

20 Cedar Street

Worcester, MA 01609

Meetings: This support group meets on the 3rd Friday of every month from

9:30AM-11:00AM. Join other grandparents and kinship caregivers of

children. Light breakfast and coffee served at meetings.

*Please RSVP for meeting

<u>Language:</u> English

Child Care:

<u>Contact:</u> Debbie

508-796-0118

dbunker@sevenhills.org

STATEWIDE VIRTUAL GROUP:

Meetings: This support group 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

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