SUPPORT GROUPS ARE LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY CITY/TOWN

PLEASE NOTE: THIS LIST IS UPDATED ONLY TWO TIMES PER YEAR. IT IS BEST TO CONTACT THE SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR DIRECTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION

JANUARY 2023

THE COMMISSION ON GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN IS RUNNING A VIRTUAL GRG SUPPORT GROUP DUE TO COVID-19. MEETINGS ARE ONE MONDAY NIGHT/MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. AND ONE TUESDAY/MONTH AT 9:30 A.M. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN THE GROUP, CONTACT COLLEEN.PRITONI@MASS.GOV

*ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE VIRTUAL GROUP INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THIS LIST

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ACTON

<u>Location</u>: The Acton Senior Center

30 Sudbury Road

Acton, Ma.

Meetings: This group meets the 3^{rd} Tuesday of the month 11:00 - 12:30 pm at the

Acton Senior Center. The support group meets in-person monthly to help

each other navigate through the challenges and joys faced as grandparents

raising grandchildren, and become informed about the resources available.

Language: English Childcare: No

<u>Contact Information:</u> Joe O'Leary

(978) 897-9595

j.j.oleary@comcast.net

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: Wednesdays 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Location: Sign in front of building reads "CSO-Clinical and Support

Options", plenty of free parking

*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 <u>Childcare</u>: provided upon request

Contact Information: Anne Barnes

413-549-0297 ext. 6566 Anne.barnes@csoinc.org

ALLSTON-BRIGHTON

Location: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

637 Cambridge St. Brighton, Ma. 02135

Meetings: Meetings held 1st Thursday of the month 10 am -11:30 am. The group is

jointly facilitated by The Women's Table and Family Nurturing Center. Services include support group, information, referral, and individual

advocacy.

Language: English

Child Care: Not provided, but available with prior notice

Contact Information: Mary Rita Weschler, Director, The Women's Table

Contact Mary Rita: 617-746-2056 Maryrita.weschler@csiboston.org

ASHBURNHAM-WESTMINSTER

Location: Westminster Senior Center

69 West Main Street Westminster, Ma. 01473

Meetings: Services: support group, information, and referral.

Language: English

Child Care: provided per request

Contact Information: Kris Bogosh

kbogosh@awrsd.org

ATHOL

Location: North Quabbin Grandparent Support Group

423 Main Street Athol, Ma. 01331

Meetings: Services: support group, information, and referral.

Meetings are every Tuesday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meetings are hybrid and if coming in person must pre-register due to space.

Must pre-register for in-person meeting by the Thursday before.

Refreshments not provided at this time due to COVID. Transportation available within the area if needed

*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: provided per request

Contact Information: Bette Jenks (978) 249-5070

bjenkspatch@yahoo.com

ATTLEBORO

Location: Robbins Children Center

803 N. Main Street Attleboro, Ma.

Meetings: This group meets every 3rd Tuesday 6:00-7:30 p.m.

At the Welcome Center. Small refreshments as well as a snack for the

children is provided.

Language: English

Child Care: Available for those who register ahead

Contact Information:

B

BILLERICA

Location: Grandparents as Parents

First Congregational Church

18 Andover Rd. #14

Billerica, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are in-person

In a grandparents raising grandchildren support group you are not alone. We are many in this situation and hearing others can be uplifting, helpful,

and supportive.

1st Tuesday of the month

5:30 pm-7:00pm

Language: English Childcare: No

Contact Information: Tracey Rudenick 978-417-0744

grandparentsasparents.billerica@yahoo.com

Anita Tofuri 617-470-7654

BOSTON 1

Location: MSPCC/Kinnections

2010 Columbus Avenue Roxbury, Ma.

Meetings: *This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about

participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail. Virtual Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesday/month 7:00 pm-8:30 pm via Zoom.

Services include supports group, information, and referral

Language: English and Spanish

Child Care: No

Contact: Ashley Pepoli

617-983-5850

kinnections@mspcc.org

*For Spanish speakers: Mineola Diaz 617-898-7854

BOSTON2

Location: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

637 Cambridge St. Brighton, Ma. 02135

Meetings: Beginning 10/21/21 will be meeting twice a month, the 1st and 3rd Thursday

of the month. Time: 10:00 am-11:30 am.

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Mary Rita Weschler, Director, The Women's Table

Samilla Qulroa, Family Nurturing Center

Contact Mary Rita: 617-746-2056 <u>Maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org</u>

BOSTON #3

Location: Family Nurturing Center

3rd Floor

200 Bowdoin Street Dorchester, Ma. 02122

Meetings: *This Support Group is specifically for Cape Verdean speaking

grandparents. The group meets every 1st Saturday of the month, 10:00am to 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. is facilitated by a trained Family Nurturing

Program Facilitator and Coordinator.

Language: Cape Verdean

Child Care: No

Contact Information: Lourença Barros-Randolph

(617)474-1143

Lbarros@familynurturing.org

BOSTON #4

Location: Laboure Center/Catholic Charities

275 West Broadway South Boston, Ma. 02127

Meetings: Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11:00

Services include support group, information, and referral, parenting advice,

and counseling available for families

Language: English

Child Care: No

Contact Information: Emily Elmore (617) 464-8564

Emily Elmore@ccab.org

BOURNE

Location: Bourne Council on Aging

239 Main Street Buzzards Bay, Ma. 02532

Meetings: Meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month 10:00-11:30 am at the

Bourne Senior Center. Services include support group, information and

referral, resource library, family programs, and special programs

Language: English Child Care: No

Contact Information: Kari Leighton

kleighton@townofbourne.com

BROCKTON

Location: The Family Center – Community Connections of Brockton

1367 Main Street Brockton, Ma. 02301

Meetings: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Language: English
Childcare: not provided

Contact Information: The Family Center

508-857-0272

BROOKFIELD

Location: "Grandparents in the Know"

Quaboag Church 175 Fiskdale Rd.

Brookfield, Ma. 01506

Meetings: This group meets monthly alternating between a Tuesday morning meeting

9:00-10:30 am and a Thursday supper meeting 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. Please

contact the facilitator for specific dates

Language: English

Child Care: Provided upon request

Contact Information: Terri McIssac

774-452-0977

terriamcisaac@gmail.com

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CHARLTON (SOUTHBRIDGE)

Location: St. Joseph's Church, Charlton 120 Sayles Street Southbridge, Ma. 01550 www.stjosephscharlton.com Meetings are to advocate and organize grandparents in a supportive group Meetings: to share concerns, solutions, resources, and to develop friendships in a caring and confidential manner. *meetings and information are by appointment first, must contact facilitator. English Language: Child Care: Not provided Ted and Dianne Dubsky **Contact Information:** (508) 764-4553 dubsky@rcn.com or dbdubsky@aol.com CHICOPEE Location: Chicopee Council on Aging/Chicopee Senior Center 5 West Main Street Chicopee, Ma. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:00 pm-7:15 pm Meetings: Meetings are for support, information, and resources, as well as social events. **English** Language: Child Care: Provided (contact facilitator for information) Contact Information: Beth Ferrando Support Group Facilitator 413-534-3698 ext. 115 BFerrando@chicopeema.gov

FALMOUTH

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Location: Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition

East Falmouth Elementary School

33 Davisville Rd.

E. Falmouth, Ma. 02536

Meetings: Support group meetings are held every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and 3rd

Tuesday of the month 6:00 pm via zoom.

*No meetings in July and August

Language: English

Child Care: Provided (contact facilitator for information)

*Registration required for dinner and child care

Contact Information: Beverly Costa-Ciavola

Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition

(508) 771-4336

Beverly@capecoalition.com

FALL RIVER

Location: Fall River Family Resource Center

45 Rock Street

Fall River, Ma. 02720

Meetings: English:

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

Dinner and child care available. Please register ahead of time.

Allison Hague 508-567-1735 ahague@frfsa.org

*Spanish-Speaking Group:

2nd and 4th Thursday each month 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

Dinner and child care available. Please register ahead of time.

Jaydith Matias-Diaz

508-567-1753 jdaiz@frfsa.org

Child Care: Provided (contact facilitator for more information)

Contact Information: See above for each group

FITCHBURG

Location: Grandparent/Kin Caregivers Support Group

MOC Family Resource Center 49 Nursery Lane Suite 201

Fitchburg, Ma.

Meetings: 1st Tuesday each month 11 am-12 pm via zoom with occasional in-

person meetings/events.

Language: English and Spanish capacity

Contact Information: Kristin Cole

978-751-4164

kcole@mocinc.org

FRAMINGHAM #1

Location: Callahan Senior Center

535 Union Avenue Framingham, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am

Must register ahead of time

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

Language: English

Child Care: Not at this time Contact Information: Carol Casey

carolcasey@comcast.net

FRAMINGHAM #2

Location: The Framingham Family Resource Center and The Wayside Youth &

Family Support Network

88 Lincoln Street

Framingham, Ma. 01702

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month 6:00-7:30 p.m. Support for school

issues/child care; behavioral/mental health issues; financial resources;

custody issues; community & statewide resources.

Language: English

Child Care:

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: Meetings are held IN-PERSON and ON ZOOM the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

of the month 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be available.

Child care is available for the meeting.

*This group is currently meeting virtually and in-person at the same time. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact

the facilitator via e-mail.

Language: English

<u>Childcare</u>: YES – contact the YMCA in advance 508-528-8708.

Sponsor/Affiliated: The group is facilitated by Meredith Poulten and sponsored by the YMCA,

and the S. A.F.E. Coalition.

Contact Information: Meredith Poulton

Mpoulten916@gmail.com

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GLOUCESTER

Location: Sawyer Free Library

Friend Room 2 Dale Avenue Gloucester, Ma.

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursday/moth

12:00 pm -1:00 pm

Language: English

Childcare: children are welcome

Contact Information: 978-283-7198 or <u>tpolhamus@jri.org</u>

GREENFIELD

Location: Community Action Family Center

90 Federal Street Greenfield, Ma.

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Friday each month

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Serving lunch

Language: English

Childcare: provided with advanced notice

Contact Information: 413-475-1555

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HAVERHILL

Location: NFI Parenting Together

76 Winter Street

Haverhill, Ma. 01831

Meetings: Meetings are held each Monday 10:00-11:00 am. And 6:00 pm-7:00pm

virtually via Go-to-meeting. This group meets weekly so we can help each other navigate through challenges and joys faced as grandparents raising

grandchildren.

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Suzanne Genovese

978-766-2248

suzanneGenovese@nafi.com

HOLYOKE

Location: Enlace de Familias, FRC

299-301 Main Street Holyoke, Ma. 01040

Meetings: Meetings are held bi-weekly every two Fridays in person

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 group meets the third Tuesday of every month 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. at the

Cape Cod Family Resource Center with Kerry Bickford, a member of the Commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren from 2009-2019. This group provides a supportive environment for all grandparents who play a

role in raising grandchildren. Dinner and child-care provided.

*Registration is required.

Language: English

Child Care: Yes, Registration required

Contact Information: Cape Cod Family Resource Center

508-815-5100 and ask for Whitney

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LAWRENCE

AND OTHER NORTH SHORE COMMUNITIES

Location: Lowell Senior Center (currently meeting virtually)

276 Broadway Street Lowell, Ma. 01854

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month 11:00 am- 12:00 pm virtually

This group is open to grandparents raising grandchildren throughout the

Merrimack Valley and North Shore.

Language: English

Contact Information: Agespan (formely Elder Services of Merrimack Valley & North Shore)

Cindy Hession-Richard chession@agespan.org

978-946-1445

LOWELL

Location: Lowell Family Resource Center

27 Prescott Street Lowell, Ma. 01852

Meetings: *Call facilitator for meeting information

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Lori Sousa, facilitator

(978) 942-3264

LYNN

Location: The Gregg House After-School Program

106 Broad Street Lynn, Ma. 01902

Meetings: Meetings are held weekly on Thursdays 9:30-11:00am.

Bi-Lingual support available on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. 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. Please call Meegan Simpson-Best for more

information.

The group is a community-collaboration with 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, which at this time remain virtual.

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

Language: English

Child care: Not provided

Contact Information: Meegan Simpson-Best, Social Worker

(781) 477-1641

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MANSFIELD

Location: The Mansfield Council on Aging

Mansfield Public Library

255 Hope Street

Mansfield, Ma. 02048

Meetings: The 2^{nd} Wednesday of the month = 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

 2^{nd} Tuesday of the month = 10:00 am-11:30 am

Language: English

Childcare: not provided

Contact Information: Melissa Leonard: Melissa.leonard@mansfieldschools.com

Josephine Madrazo: jmadrazo@mansfieldma.com

MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Location: Island Wide Youth Collaborative

Martha's Vineyard Community Services

111 Vineyard Haven Rd. Vineyard Haven, Ma. 02568

Meetings: "Paint and Chat"

Once a month on the last Saturday of every month

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Must pre-register in order to have supplies

Language: English

Child Care: Available – must pre-register Contact Information: Chrissie Laury, Facilitator (508) 693-7900 ext. 402

claury@mvcommunityservices.org

MELROSE/MALDEN/NO. READING

Location: Tufts Medicine-Melrose Wakefield Health Care Community Services

239 Commercial Street Malden, Ma. 02048

Meetings: This support group is meeting VIRTUALLY and IN-PERSON:

Meetings held twice a month. Monthly Monday evenings 7:00 pm via zoom. Monthly in-person meetings 11:00 am (on either a Monday or a Tuesday). Please comtact 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 and Joya Pezzuto

781-338-7559

aginginbalance@melrosewakefield.com

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NANTUCKET

LOCATION: Nantucket Family Resource Center

1 Freedom Square, Unit B Nantucket MA 02554

Meeting: The 1st Thursday of the month from 12-1:00PM

And the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:00-6:00PM

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

Language: English

Childcare: Not at this time.

Contact information: omclean@familycontinuity.org or 508-815-5115

NEW BEDFORD

Location: NBCCC Family Resource & Development Center

128 Union Street 3rd Floor New Bedford, Ma. 02740

Meetings: Support Group Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

5:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner and Child Care are provided. Meetings are

facilitated by Kelly Thatcher and Carmen Gamboa.

Language: English

Child Care is available, please contact the facilitators for information

Contact Information: Kendyll Ramos

Kramos@unitedwayofgnb.org

NORTH ADAMS

Location: NBCC The Family Resource Center

61 Main Street #218 North Adams, Ma. Meetings: Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Dinner is provided

*Please register by noon the day of the meetings

*Transportation available upon request

Masks required for all children under 12 years old and unvaccinated people

Language: English

Childcare: Yes, available upon request

Contact Information: The Family Place

Donna Senecal

413-663-7588 ext. 18

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PITTSFIELD#1

Location: Contact Facilitator for meeting locations and dates

*Meetings are currently held at a grandparent's home due to COVID

Meetings: This group meets two Mondays a month 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Child Care and meal is provided.

Language: English

Child Care: Provided, contact the facilitator for more information

Contact Information: Michelle (413) 446-8224

Genie (413) 447-7734

 $\underline{raising grandchildren@aol.com}$

PITTSFIELD#2

Location: 18 degrees (formerly known as Berkshire Children and Families Family

Resource Center

Meetings: This group meets on Mondays 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Contact Information: Berkshire Children and Families Family Resource Center

Melia Hoffman <u>mhoffman@18degreesma.org</u>

413-464-5280

Patricia DaSilva McEwan <u>pdasilvamcewan@18degreesma.org</u>

PLYMOUTH

Location: Plymouth Center for Active Living

44 Nook Road

Plymouth, Ma. 02360

Meetings: Meetings are held every Thursdays @ 10:00 am–12:30 pm weekly

support group, information & referral & education

Meetings are in-person

Language: English (if needed, a translator would be provided in Haitian Creole and

Portuguese, French, and Spanish)

Childcare: No

Contact Information: Beth Hadfield

(508) 830-4230

bhadfield@plymouth-ma.gov

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QUINCY

Location: Quincy Family Resource Center

1120 Hancock Street 1st Floor

Quincy, Ma. 02169

Meetings: Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 11:00 pm-12:30 pm in-

person

Language: English

Child Care: Not at this time Contact Information: Andrea Roderick

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

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SALEM

Location: Mass General for Children's Hospital- North Shore Medical Center

Family Resource Center

Salem, Ma. 01970

Meetings: Meetings: Mondays (monthly)

11:00 am-12:30 pm

A free online support group for grandparents who are raising grandchildren. *This group is currently meeting virtually. For more information about participating in online meetings, please contact the facilitator via e-mail.

Language: English Childcare: None

Contact Information: Beth Yourgau

Clinical Coordinator Behavioral Health

eyourgrau@partners.org

SANDWICH #1

Location: Corpus Christi Parish

324 Quaker Meeting House

East Sandwich, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:00 am

Language: English
Childcare: not provided
Contact Information: Maria Bess

Giftedgrannies1@gmail.com

SANDWICH

Location: Forestdale School

151 Route 130 Sandwich, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month 5:00-6:30 pm

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: Lauren Melillo

Sandwich Partnership for Families

(508) 4770660 ext. 132

www.sandwichpartnership.org

SOUTHBRIDGE

Location: Southbridge Family Resource Center

Y.O.U., Inc. and affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation

328 Main Street

Southbridge, Ma. 01550

Meetings: Contact the center for schedule: Group is currently on hold. Planning to resume

in 2023

Language:

Childcare: not provided
Contact Information: Emily Billings
508-519-3524

SPRINGFIELD #1

Location: Gandara Center – Springfield Family Resource Center

18 Gaucher Street Springfield, Ma.

Meetings: Contact the center for schedule

Language: English
Childcare: not provided

Contact Information: Cindy Stovall, Director

413-733-7699

SPRINGFIELD #2

Location: Multicultural Community Services

1000 Wilbraham Rd. Springfield, Ma. 01109

Meetings: Multi-Cultural Services (MCS) is a Western Ma Family Support Center

funded by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) via a contract. MCS has hosted a grandparent' project since it began in 2000. This is a network of grandparents who are the primary caregivers for grandchildren with developmental disabilities. The Network provides

grandparents the opportunity to get together and share experiences, provide support to one another, and address challenges as they advocate for their grandchildren's needs. The Network meets 3-4 times a year for planning.

They develop a yearly work plan which includes trainings, educational, information and referral, support for children with developmental disabilities. They meet at the Multicultural Community Services 1000 Wilbraham Rd. Springfield. There are grandparents that Spanish is their primary language; MCS can provide an interpreter. Transportation is provided to those in need. A light lunch is provided for meetings, speaker series, and trainings. **This project is for grandparents raising**

grandchildren with intellectual disabilities who have been determined

eligible for DDS services.

Language: English, however, there are grandparents that Spanish is their primary

language; MCS can provide an interpreter.

Child Care:

Contact Information:

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TAUNTON#1

Location: Taunton Family Resource Center

37 Main Street – First Floor

Taunton, Ma. 02780

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

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Refreshments served at each meeting

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Anne Feroli

aferioli@oldcolonyymcaz.org

TAUNTON#2

Location: Triumph, Inc.

25 Barnum Street Taunton, Ma. 02780

Meetings: The support group meets the 4th Thursday of every month 10:00 am-11:30

am. Language: English

Child Care is available upon registration/request.

Contact Information: Nancy Tilbe

Home Based & Community Programming

508-822-5388

ntilbe@triumphinc.org

TOWNSEND

Location: Townsend Senior Center

16 Dudley Rd.

Townsend, Ma. 01469

Meetings: The support group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month

6:00 p.m. Dinner is included.

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: Katie Petrossi

978-597-1710

TURNERS FALLS

Location: United Arc

294 Avenue A

Turners Falls, Ma. 01376

Meetings: Website: www.unitedarc.org/ Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support

Group Meetings:

 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Thursday of the month 10:00 am -11:30 am in-person

information & referral; consultation; intergenerational events

Requirements: Grandparent age 55+ with primary custodial care of

grandchild(ren)

Language: English Child Care: No

Contact Information: Jan Doody

413-834-8312

janetdoody@theunitedarc.org

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WARE:

Location: Ware Family Resource Center/Behavioral Health Network

Meetings: Wednesdays 10:30 am -11:30 am 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

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact Information: (413) 277-6601 or bhnfrc@bhninc.org

WAKEFIELD #1

Location: Wakefield Boys and Girls Club

Grandparents Raising Again American Civic Center 457 Main Street (side door)

Wakefield, Ma.

Meetings: The meetings are held once a month. Please contact the facilitator for

information on dates and times. Light refreshments served.

Language: English

Child Care: Child care is available, please contact facilitator for more information

Contact Information: Riley at the Wakefield Boys and Girls Club

(781) 832-3302

riley@bgcwakefield.org

WAREHAM

Location: Multi-Service Center

Room 227

48 Marion Road Wareham, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings: every 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 5:30-7:00 pm

**Childcare and Dinner: provided at the meeting;

Language: English

Child Care: Child Care provided, please contact facilitators for more information

Contact Information: Ms. Pat Simonelli (508)273-7241 pas4555@aol.com

Ms. Pat Gagnon ((508) 291-3500 ext. 3556

WEBSTER

Location: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in South Central, Ma.

Meetings: Every 3rd Tuesday of the month

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Gladys E. Kelly Library 2 Lake Street Webster, Ma.

And in Oxford on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

9:30 am

Oxford High School Community Room

Language: English

Childcare: available upon request Contact Information: Kimberly Rockwood

978-413-8989

krockwood@worcester.edu

WESTFIELD

Location: Westfield Boys and Girls Club

21 West Silver Street

Westfield, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:15-7:30 pm

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

facilitator via e-mail.

Language: English

Child Care: Provided, please contact facilitators for more information

Contact Information: Maureen Viturale (413) 237-6673

WESTMINSTER-ASHBURNHAM

Location: Westminster Senior Center

69 West Main Street Westminster, Ma. 01473

Meetings: Services: support group, information, and referral.

Meetings dates:

10/29/21 at 10:00 am 12/3/21 at 10:00 am 1/28/22 at 10:00 am 3/25/22 at 10:00 am

Language: English

Child Care: provided per request

Contact Information: Kris Bogosh

kbogosh@awrsd.org

WEYMOUTH

Location: Weymouth Public Library, Fogg Library

1 Colombian Street Weymouth, Ma.

Meetings: Meetings are held every Monday 7:00-8:45 pm

Language: English

Child Care: Not available Contact Information: Judy Geagan

(781) 706-7535

WORCESTER

Location: Worcester Family Resource Center

20 Cedar Street

Worcester, Ma. 01609

Meetings: Meetings are held monthly

Join other grandparents and kinship caregivers of children. Light breakfast

Resource Center for more

and coffee served at meetings. Contact the

information.

Language: English

Child Care:

Contact: yiwfrcyouinc@sevenhills.org 508-796-1411

New/Statewide 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.

Contact Kerry at kbickford81@comcast.net