

Financial Resources for Grandparents and Relative Caregivers

Grandparents raising grandchildren may be eligible for financial resources to help support you in your parenting role. Financial services may be dependent on the custody status, the age of the caregiver, and/or the child's specific needs.

- **Temporary Assistance to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) Child Only-Grants**

If you are the guardian of your grandchild through Probate and Family Court, you are entitled to apply for a TAFDC Child-Only Grant through the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA). The Child-Only Grant is financial support for grandparents and other caregivers caring for children who are not their own. Eligibility is based on your grandchild's income, not yours. You may apply for the TAFDC Child-Only Grant online or in person.

To apply online visit: <https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/>

To find your local DTA office visit: www.mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-transitional-assistance/locations

- **Childcare Vouchers**

Working grandparents/relative caregivers who receive the TAFDC Child-Only Grant are eligible for a childcare voucher, speak with your assigned case manager from DTA to make that request. You may also be eligible for childcare vouchers through the Department of Early Education and Care. To apply, visit: www.mass211.org

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

SNAP is a federal nutrition program administered by the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA). Eligibility **IS** based on your income.

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- **Card to Culture Program**

Recipients of benefits from DTA can use their EBT card at various cultural venues for discounted admission.

To learn more, visit: www.mass.gov/info-details/ebt-card-to-culture-organizations

- **MassHealth**

Your grandchild may be eligible for MassHealth/ Medicaid and other related healthcare benefit programs.

For more information visit: www.mahealthconnector.org or call MassHealth Service Center 1-800-841-2900

- **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**

If your grandchild is under 5 years old, he/she may be eligible for WIC, a nutrition program that provides healthy foods, nutrition education, and other services, free of charge. If you receive WIC, you may also be eligible for discounts on other resources.

To apply online visit: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/apply-for-wic-online>

To locate your local WIC office visit: <https://www.mass.gov/wic-information-for-participants/locations>

- **Social Security Survivor/Disability Benefit**

If either biological parent is deceased, the child may be eligible for survivor benefits through Social Security.

For information survivor benefits visit: [Survivors Benefits | SSA](#)

If your grandchild has a medical or mental health disability, they may qualify for disability through Social Security.

For more information on disability benefits visit: [Child Disability Starter Kit \(ssa.gov\)](#)

- **Aging Service Access Points (ASAP)**

ASAPs provide information and referral services for individuals and caregivers over the age of 55 years old, including grandparents raising grandchildren. Be sure to ask about the Family Caregiver Support Program for potential financial assistance, such as camperships.

To find your local ASAP visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/location-details/aging-services-access-points-asaps-in-massachusetts>

*ADDITIONAL RESOURCE: **Kinship Navigator** is a program of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that assists all kinship caregivers (grandparents and other relatives) with accessing services for themselves and the children they are raising. For more information, please call 844-924-4546, or visit www.mass.gov/kinship-navigator*

Scan QR Code to connect with a Kinship Navigator Staff Member directly via Zoom

9:00AM-12:00PM

Monday-Friday



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