

Since 1998, Cornell Cooperative Extension has been administering the Relatives as Parents Program in Orange County. This has been a true grassroots endeavor since the time grandparents first came to us merely seeking a location to hold a support group. Extension educators have recognized the communities' greater need, as this new household dynamic seems to evolve. The program continues to grow and expand with each passing year offering necessary services for kin caregivers.

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- ◆ NYS Kinship Navigator
- ◆ The Brookdale Foundation
- ◆ County of Orange

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Together, we are making a significant and positive difference.

Program participants say:

“I found I’m not alone with what’s going on in my family life.”

“I look forward to attending the monthly RAPP program; I get a night out with my wife and I know my grandchild is safe and having fun.”

“You all have enriched our lives by facilitating the monthly support groups and multiple events throughout the year.”

Support Groups & Youth Groups

Coffee & Conversation Support Groups plus the RAPP 4-H youth groups are held monthly in Middletown and New Windsor

RAPP Chats Support Groups are held monthly in Port Jervis and Newburgh

For More Information Contact:

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NYS Kinship Navigator

Statewide Information and Resources

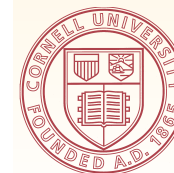
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**Office of Children
and Family Services**



The Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) assists grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the role of primary caregiver for related children.

We provide:

- ◆ Education and training to learn new parenting and coping skills
- ◆ Mutual peer support groups
- ◆ Youth development activities
- ◆ Referral and access to appropriate community-based services and resources
(Free Directory of Resources available upon request)

All this is available in a setting designed to promote confidential sharing, caring and mutual respect.

Relatives as Parents Program Services Available:

All services are FREE to qualified kinship families:

Coffee & Conversation and RAPP Chat Support Groups: A time to visit and share with other grandparents and relatives raising children.

4-H/Youth Development Program: A fun and informal way to assist RAPP youth 6 and older to make new friends, develop self understanding and build confidence.

Childcare (during most adult programs): Children are safely entertained on site while you enjoy a program for yourself.

Parenting Education: Educational programs designed especially for grandparents and relatives who are "parenting the second time around."

Counseling Services: Short term individual and/or family counseling designed to strengthen your kinship family.

Legal Information: Referrals to appropriate legal resources.

Peer Mentoring: Trained adult mentors to assist families in navigating education, legal and social services.

Nutrition Education: Practical information and hands-on activities to meet your family's nutritional needs. (call for eligibility requirements)

Financial Management: Individual financial management education to help set family financial goals and develop a spending plan.

Mediation Service: Resolve a conflict and restore peace in your life with the help of a professional mediator.

Special Events: Winter Holiday Event, Summer Picnic, and other recreational and intergenerational activities for kinship care families to enjoy!

Caregiver Resource Library: A collection of resources for relative caregivers are available for review and loan. Open by appointment.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL A RAPP REPRESENTATIVE AT CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION