



RAPP

Relatives As Parents Program

The Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) is designed to assist 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**
- ◆ **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 sharing, caring and mutual respect.

Relatives as Parents Program Services Available:

At All Sites:

Coffee & Conversation Support Groups:

A time to visit and share with other grandparents and relatives raising children.

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

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: A series of educational programs designed especially for grandparents and relatives "parenting the second time around."

Nutrition Education: Practical information and hands-on activities to meet your family's nutritional needs. Snack ideas, easy recipes, shopping tips, kids programs too!

Financial Management:

Individual financial management education program to help you make your money count, pay bills on time, 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/or other special times for kinship care families to enjoy!

Orange County / Dutchess County:

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

Legal Consultations: One hour legal consultation with an attorney specializing in relative caregiver issues.

Orange County only:

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



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NYS Kinship Navigator

Statewide Information and Resources
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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."

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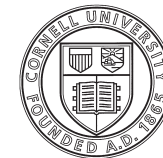


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