

Kinship Services

ARE
YOU
CARING
FOR
ANOTHER
PERSON'S
CHILD?

Helpful Resources
for Relative and
Non-Relative Caregivers



Social Services

Human Services Center
5249 Olde Towne Rd.
Williamsburg, VA 23188

P: 757-259-3201 TDD: 757-259-3133

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The following services are provided for those relative and non-relative caregiver families who meet income and resource guidelines.

- **SNAP** (formerly food stamps) provides help with the purchase of food items.
- **Medicaid** provides help with expenses for medical services.
- **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families** (TANF) provides temporary monthly financial help for families with children.
- **General Relief** provides temporary financial help for non-relative caregivers who are caring for an unrelated child.
- **Childcare Assistance** helps income-eligible parents, who are working or in school, with expenses.

There are two ways to apply for financial assistance in one or more of the available programs:

1. **In person:** At the James City County Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Rd.
2. **Online:** Submit an application at commonhelp.virginia.gov.

Questions about eligibility? Call the Eligibility Call Center, 757-259-3131.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- **JCC Foster Care Kinship Program** – Call (757) 259-3201.
- **Purposeful Parenting Support Group** – For families caring for children. Call Gwen Mason at 757-259-3215.
- **Child Development Resources** – Services for children, birth to age 3, including Early Head Start, 757-566-8687.
- **Greater Williamsburg Child Assessment Center/Colonial Behavioral Health** – Community mental health agency, 757-253-4047.
- **The Network of Care** – Comprehensive list of resources for behavioral health issues as well as general assistance available in the community. gwcacnoc.org
- **WIC** (Women, Infants and Children) – Providing nutritional food for families in need, 757-253-4741.
- **Social Security Office** – Located in Newport News, 866-331-9169.
- **Food/Clothing Assistance** –
 1. Peninsula Food Bank Sites: A list is available in Human Services Center's lobby.
 2. United Way: 757-229-2222.
- **Childcare Providers** – You can search for local daycares on the Virginia Department of Social Services public website: dss.virginia.gov/facility/search/cc.cgi
- **Head Start** – Community Action Agency, 757-229-6417.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS NEEDED

The following documents are needed for the child or children that is being cared for:

- **Birth Certificate**
- **Social Security Card**
- **Immunization Record**
- **Medical and Educational Authorization** from the parents or **Custody Paperwork**
- **Health Insurance Card**

SCHOOL REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration occurs at the school the child will be attending. For information on what school zone to register your child and what documents are needed, visit edline.net/pages/WJCC/Our_Schools/Enrollment_Registration.

“The majority of kinship caregivers are not receiving the financial help for which they are eligible, and many do not even realize that certain government supports exist to help them care for the children they have taken in.”

Annie E. Casey Foundation

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- **FACES of Virginia Families** – Provides statewide information and referrals, including a “toolkit” of resources: facesofvirginia.org.
- **The GrandKin Guide** – Provides information for relatives raising children: facesofvirginia.org/images/stories/documents/TheGrandKinGuide_lowres.pdf.
- **The National Kinship Alliance for Children** – Provides education, support, and advocacy for children, grandparents, and relative caregivers: kinshipalliance.org.



LEGAL GUIDANCE

Court Services Unit, 4093 Ironbound Rd. – A relative or non-relative can go to Court Services to file for custody, 757-564-2460.

James City County Social Services provides case management to stabilize and support relatives and non-relatives caring for children ages 0-17.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the U.S. Census, between 2007 and 2011 there were over 450 grandparents responsible for the care of their grandchildren in JCC.

Nationwide, less than 12 percent of kinship families receive TANF support, even though nearly 100 percent of the children in these families are eligible. *Annie E. Casey Foundation*

According to the USDA, the monthly cost of raising one child is \$990!



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