

# Relatives raising Children

## We're here to help!

You may be a grandmother, grandfather, aunt or uncle raising a child in place of the parents. You are taking responsibility for the child because the parents are unable or unwilling to do so. **You are a family caregiver and you are not alone!**

The Illinois Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children Grant provides valuable resources for relatives under 55 years of age who are raising children 18 and under or with severe disabilities. The program includes:

- **Caregiver Resource Centers** that provide information about available services. The Centers assess your situation and help connect you to programs to assist you.
- **Alternatives to get a break from caring for the children called Respite Services** including options at home or in another location.
- **Options to obtain support in unforeseen circumstances called Gap-Filling Services** which covers a variety of items to assist you.
- **Legal Services** to help you assume care of the child/children.



Caregiver Support Programs are available in the eight counties the Area Agency serves: DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will. If you would like further details about the Caregiver Support Program or services for older adults, contact AgeGuide at (800) 528-2000 (toll-free in Illinois).

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