



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren / Kinship Care

Local and national resources for grandparents or other kinship caregivers raising children:

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)/ Aging and Long-Term Services Department provides information on resources and services in the community.

☎ 1-800-432-2080, TTY 505-476-4937 🖨 <http://newmexico.networkofcare.org/aging/>

The NM Human Services Department/Income Support Division (ISD) - offers emergency food assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Low Income Energy Assistance, and health coverage (Medicaid).

☎ 1-800-283-4465 🖨 <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/Default.aspx>

Pegasus Legal Services for Children –provides information and civil legal services to assist grandparents raising grandchildren and other kinship caregivers in obtaining *kinship-guardianship*, especially in contested situations. Pegasus intake for kinship guardianship is through the Guardianship Legal Helpline. For free and low cost Kinship Guardianship legal services: ☎ 505-217-1660, 1-833-355-6944 Se habla español.

🖨 <http://pegasuslaw.org/>

Advocacy, Inc., New Mexico Guardianship Project – serves children and youth, birth to 18 years old living with grandparents, family members and caretakers. Information and referral regarding guardianship and adoption is provided. Downloadable forms (Power of Attorney, Caregiver's Affidavit) and links to financial benefit information are available at 🖨 www.nmadvocacy.org. It also provides legal representation in uncontested guardianship and adoption cases. A fee is charged on a sliding scale, based on income.

☎ 1-866-257-5320 or email kids@nmadvocacy.org

Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP) – information and referral for seniors age 55 and over. Provides a free English/Spanish, downloadable 🖨 [NM Senior Legal Handbook](#); Chapter 12 covers “Grandparent Caregivers/Kinship Guardianship”. Access the *Handbook* at 🖨 www.nmbar.org/Public/LREP/, click on the *Publications tab*. ☎ 1-800-876-6657.

Las Cumbres Community Services (serves Rio Arriba and Santa Fe Counties only) – *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program* offers information, resources, monthly support group meetings, and educational opportunities, publications, discussion blogs, and a yearly conference.

☎ 505-955-0410 or online at <https://www.lascumbres-nm.org>

The City of Santa Fe, Division of Senior Services – administers funds available to assist grandparents or kinship caregivers who pay out-of-pocket expenses for medical services, food, clothing and more for those they care for. Persons age 55 or older who live in the city/county of Santa Fe, and who show proof of actively caregiving and providing financial assistance for those they care for , may receive up to \$200.00 annually per household for reimbursable expenses. ☎ 505-955-4761.

Outcomes, Inc. (serves Albuquerque and Rio Rancho) –*Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program* provides monthly grandparent support groups, with childcare; grandparent counseling; quarterly *Grandparent University* workshops; and referrals to resources in the community that can help with a variety of issues, including legal assistance, medical insurance, income support and more.

☎ 505 243-2551 🌐 <https://outcomesnm.org/our-services/psychotherapy-counseling/grandparent-support/>.

Methodist Children’s Home (MCH) Family Outreach, Grandparents as Parents (GAP) Program (Albuquerque) - provides case management services to kinship caregivers or grandparents raising their grandchildren. These services include connection to community supports, advocacy and help accessing services to meet basic needs. Custody or guardianship are not required.

☎ 505-255-8740 🌐 <https://www.mch.org/locations/albuquerque/>.

AARP - offers a step-by-step guide for grandparents raising grandchildren: *Grandfamilies Guide*, on-line at www.aarp.org/relationships/friends-family/info-08-2011/grandfamilies-guide-getting-started.html. or <https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/relationships/friends-family/grandfacts/grandfacts-national.pdf>

☎ 1-866-389-5636.

Head Start and Early Head Start programs promote school readiness, support the mental, social, and emotional development of children from birth to age 5 throughout New Mexico. Under Head Start regulations, when a family receives kinship or foster care for a child, such child is considered categorically income eligible for free enrollment into the program.

☎ 1-866-763-6481 🌐 <https://www.earlylearningnm.org/head-start-amp-early-head-start>

Family Infant Toddler Program – provides early intervention services to eligible infants and toddlers with qualifying developmental delays or disabilities and their families up to age 3.

☎ 1-877-696-1472 🌐 <https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/pgsv/fit/>

Grandfamilies.org serves as a national legal resource in support of grand families within and outside the child welfare system. This website, <http://www.grandfamilies.org/>, provides state specific fact sheets with information about a wide range of services and resources. To download the New Mexico fact sheet go to:

🌐 <http://www.grandfamilies.org/Portals/0/State%20Fact%20Sheets/Grandfamilies-Fact-Sheet-New-Mexico.pdf>

The **New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department** provides an array of prevention, intervention, rehabilitative and after-care services to New Mexico children and their families. The Department oversees services in the following areas: Early Childhood, Child Protective, Juvenile Justice and Children’s Behavioral Health. To report Child Abuse or Neglect ☎ 1-800-333-7233 🌐 <https://cyfd.org/>