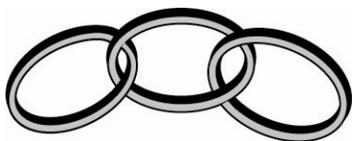


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We Salute Grandparents

The Kinship Caregiver Coalition would like to recognize National Grandparents Day, September 12, 2010. In 1970, Marian McQuade began a campaign to set aside a special day just for grandparents. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed the first presidential proclamation, designating the first

Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. The first official observance was Sept. 9, 1979, and has been



celebrated every year in honor of our nation's grandparents.

Over the years, the KCC has been impressed by the number of grand-

parents that take full responsibility of their grandchildren when the parents are unwilling or unable. We salute the millions of grandparents that have the full time responsibility of supporting grandchildren. We are aware of the sacrifices many grandparents make daily for the children they are caring for in their homes.

Child & Adolescent Immunization Schedule 2010

Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County offers the following immunizations at the clinic sites listed below; DtaP, Polio, Hib, Hepatitis B, MMR, Prevnar, Td, Tdap, Menactra, Gardasil, Rotateq, and Hepatitis A, and Influenza seasonally. Chicken Pox vaccine is available by reservation only. All children ages birth-18 years are welcome. There is a \$16 office visit fee and a \$12 per shot administration fee for state supplied vac-

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Fourth Annual Kinship Family Fair A Success!

The 4th Annual Kinship Family Fair was held on Saturday, August 21 at the Adventure Central on James H. McGhee Boulevard. The Adventure Central facility provided a comfortable atmosphere for the caregivers as well as the children. This year during the half day workshop information on "Internet Safety Tips" and "Parenting with Less Stress" was offered to the caregivers. The Internet Safety information was presented by Attorney Mary Montgomery, Montgomery County Prosecutors Office, "Webbie's", Website Internet Safety Program. The caregivers were definitely interested in how to become more technological savvy in dealing with the cyber children of today. Caregivers agree that in order to maintain the lines of communication with the tweens and teens it is helpful to learn how to text, email, and also include knowledge of accessing social networks like Facebook and Tweeter. Montgomery shared some advice on cyber safety. Here are some of the suggestions:

- Communicate with your child.
- Encourage discussions with your child.
- Develop a trusting relationship with your child.
- Check the computer/phone bills/packages.
- Demand to know about your child's online friends.

- Limit your child's time on the computer.
- Place the computer in a common room.
- Watch your child. Know where they are.
- Educate yourself on the dangers/use of Internet.
- Use blocking tools/filters.
- Don't threaten to remove Internet privileges.
- Understand distressing incidents; remain calm.
- Report any suspicious persons who contact your child.



Anita Koerner speaks to caregivers

Anita Koerner of South Community Behavioral Inc. could not get through ten minutes of introduction material before the caregivers began to interject and share some of their personal experiences. Ms. Koerner, as always, was very empathetic to the personal stories that were shared. She reminded the kinship caregivers how important it is to develop routines with



Children enjoyed a movie and popcorn at the 4th Annual Kinship Family Fair

the children. When children learn the daily routine and expectations of the household this generally creates a more relaxed environment for the entire family. A large number of children enter into grandparents' and relatives' homes without any planning, and this can cause an extreme amount of stress for the caregiver as well as for the children. Many of the children that come to live with kinship caregivers have been in an unstable environments, often including emotional turmoil.

Ms. Koerner suggested offering the children plenty of love and support because the children often will not verbalize what they are feeling. She warned grandparents that some children may act out or withdraw when separated from their parents. She emphasized that open communication, love, and support will assist the children in getting through difficult times. Seeking out supportive teachers at school and encouraging friendships with peers and siblings will help with the transition as well.

The Kinship Family Fair was a huge success, due to the number of volunteers who provided their services. We would like to thank Wright State University Student

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Health Services Department for providing school supplies to the 78 children that attended the fair. We would also like to thank Anita Koerner and Mary Montgomery for providing such valuable information to the caregivers. Lastly, let's commend those individuals that facilitated the workshops for the children: DaJuana Blackshear, Sharon Simmons, and Karla Clay Alexander. Special thanks to the numerous of volunteers that assisted as hallway monitors, lunch assistance aides, classroom aides, Five Rivers Metro Parks Adventure Central staff and the Kinship Navigators!

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Homestead Tax Credit

The Homestead Program is designed to provide tax credit relief to citizens who are at least 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled. An applicant must own and reside in the home for which they are applying. Land contracts, life estates and trusts meet the criteria for home ownership. Since 2007, any Ohio homeowner who resides in the home for which they are applying, who is 65 or older, or who is totally and permanently disabled, is eligible for an exemption. The new law exempts from property taxes the first \$25,000 of value of the home.

Applications for the tax credit must be filed with the County Auditor between the first Monday in January through the first Monday in June. Applications are available by phone at the Homestead Hotline, 937-225-4341.

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cines. These fees are based on ability to pay. No eligible child will be turned away based on guardian ability to pay. Persons with private insurance may not be eligible for some state supplied vaccines. Private purchased vaccine is available at an additional fee. No money is collected at the site, fees will be billed. Clinics are walk-in, no appointments. Space is limited and patients will be seen on a first come first serve basis.

Bring your child's shot record and insurance card to every visit. For additional information, please call 225-4550.

The Body Shop offered by Dayton Children's Medical Center

The Body Shop is a nutrition, exercise and lifestyle coaching program for girls and boys ages 7 to 18. Small groups of students close in age meet one evening per week to learn about weight control with a registered dietitian, physical activities leader and counselor. Parents also work with the staff and a clinical psychologist to assist their children in meeting their weight-control goals. **The next program begins on September 7.** For more information call 937-641-3504.



Child & Adolescent Immunization Schedule

Outreach Clinic	Day of Month
Kettering Recreation Center 2900 Glengarry Dr., Kettering	1st Monday 4-7pm
Butler Township Fire Station 3780 Little York Road, North Dayton	1st Tuesday 4-6pm
Englewood Government Center 333 W. National Rd., Englewood	3rd Tuesday 4-7pm
West Carrollton WIC 113 East Central, West Carrollton	4th Tuesday 1-4pm
Drew Health Center 1323 W. Third Street, West Dayton	1st Wednesday 1-4pm
Farmersville Church of Christ 42 S. Broadway, Farmersville	2nd Wednesday 4-6pm
Miami Township Government Ctr. 2700 Lyons Road, Miami Township	1st Thursday 4-6pm
Sulphur Grove Church 7505 Taylorsville Road, Huber Heights	2nd Thursday 5-7pm
Downtown Clinic Reibold Building 117 S. Main Street (Lower Level), Downtown Dayton	Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm Friday 9am-4pm Closed for lunch 11:30-12:30
All Clinics Closed Holidays	

Are You Caring for a Child with No Health Insurance?

The Children Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA)

On February 4, 2009, President Obama signed the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), which provided funding to renew and expand the CHIP coverage.

Healthy Start/Healthy Families – HS/HF

Health Insurance Coverage:

- ◇ No co-pays, deductibles, or fees
- ◇ Available even if families already have health insurance (up to 200%)

Healthy Start

Healthy Start is a Medicaid program available to:

- ◇ Children (younger than age 19) in families with income up to 200% of the federal poverty level. Pregnant women in families with income up to 200% of the federal poverty level.

Healthy Families

Healthy Families is a Medicaid program available to:

- ◇ Families with income up to 90% of the federal poverty level. (Families must include a child younger than age 19)

The Center for Healthy Communities has Community Health Advocates that are available to help you through the enrollment process. **Please call the Community Health Advocate Intake Line at 937-775-8245 to schedule an appointment.**

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Support Groups for Kinship Caregivers

Trotwood Support Group

Trotwood Grandparent and other Relatives Raising Children Support Group will reconvene this Fall. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Trotwood Branch Dayton Metro Library on 651 E. Main Street. The guest speaker for the September meeting will be Dr. Julius Beckham, Trotwood Madison School Psychologist. The Trotwood Support Group would like to invite all relatives raising children living in Montgomery County.

For additional information please contact **Marsha Jones at 937-770-2137.**

Future Meeting Dates:

October 23

November 20

December – No meeting

Kettering Support Group

Christ United Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer Road, Kettering, Ohio 45429. Meeting times first Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00a.m. For additional information on the Kettering Support Group contact **Shirley Schumacher, at 937-298-4720.**

Future Meeting Dates:

October 6

November 3

December 1

Back to School

It is that time of the year where children are faced with homework and school projects that we as parents are often not sure how to support them. If you find yourself looking for some additional help for academics for your children, consider one of the following afterschool programs.

This list was compiled by the Kinship Navigator Office. For additional information please contact each program listed directly.



After School Tutoring Programs

Boys and Girls Club	937-262-8377	6yrs-18yrs	8/2010-9/2011 after-school 2:00- 6:45pm	\$15.00/per child/per year
Lohrey Center -"We Care for You"	937-333-3131	6yrs-12yrs	Ongoing 2:00-5:30p.m.	Free for DPS
Northwest Center-"We Care for You"	937-333-3322	5yrs-12yrs.	ongoing 2:00pm-5:30pm	Free for DPS
East End Community Services	937-259-1898	5yrs-10yrs	Ongoing 2:00-5:30pm	FREE
Dayton Public Schools	937-542-3373	Elementary Title 1	School year/ call for details	FREE
Dakota Center	937-228-8961	6yrs.-up	Mon-Fri 2:00 pm -6:00 pm	FREE
Miamisburg Youth Center	937-866-1772	8yrs-15yrs	Mon-Fri. 2:30 pm – 7:15 pm	FREE
Project Impact	937-222-5683 ext 29	K-12 th	Mon.- Wed 4:00pm – 6:00 pm	Free to DPS only
Dayton Urban League Stars Tutoring Program	937-222-0737	K-6 th	9/9/2010-5/21/2011 Mon. and Wed.	FREE
Dayton Urban League Academic Enrichment	937-222-0737	7 th - 12 th	9/9/2010- 5/21/2011	FREE
City of Miamisburg Parks and Recreation	937-866-4532	6 th -8 th	During school year M-F 3:00- 5:00pm	FREE

Legal Matters

and a grandparent, aunt or uncle may be acting “in loco parentis” and take unpaid leave.

Establishing “in loco parentis”

The Interpretation states that employees do not have to establish that they provide both day-to-day care AND financial support to be considered “in loco parentis.” An employee only has to give a “simple statement “that they are acting “in loco parentis” by providing either day-to-day care OR financial support of the child.

Generations United’s perspective We are encouraged by this Interpretation. As with many federal laws, states, employers, localities, and others often misinterpret the laws and impose additional requirements on families trying to access services or programs. We hope this is the first of many generated by the Executive Branch to

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Federal Family and Medical Leave Act Now Covers Kinship Families

This post is from Ana Beltran, JD, Generations United Special Advisor for the National Center on Grandfamilies.

On June 22, The U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division issued an Administrator’s Interpretation clarifying that the definition of “son or daughter” in the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) includes grandparents and other relatives raising children without any type of legal relationship to the children, both same sex partners raising children and other non-traditional families.

What is the FMLA?

Since its passage in 1993, the FMLA allows eligible employees in businesses of a certain size to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave in a 12-month period due to:

- the birth of a son or daughter
- the placement of a son or daughter with the employee for adoption or foster care
- or to care for a son or daughter with a serious health condition.

Where do grandfamilies fit in?

This Interpretation clarifies that the status of in loco parentis, or acting “in the place of a parent,” includes grandparents and other relatives raising children, and cites legislative history to show that this has been the case since the law’s passage. It also clarifies that the FMLA does not restrict the number of parents a child may have. A child may even have biological or adoptive parents living in the same home,



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clarify laws for grandfamilies, such as the definitions of (1) "familial status" under the Fair Housing Act, so its protections are not limited to those families with a legal relationship like legal custody; and (2) "in loco parentis" in the Individuals with Disabilities Act, so that some school districts do not require relative caregivers of children to go through the extra hurdle of becoming a "surrogate parent" for purposes of participating in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process.



**Can a Kinship
Navigator help you?**

Call the Kinship Navigator
Intake Line at
937-775-8245 or visit:
[www.med.wright.edu/chc/
kinship](http://www.med.wright.edu/chc/kinship)