

Resources

Hancock County Job and Family Services
7814 CR 140
Findlay, OH 45840
419-422-0182

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Support Group
Family Resource Centers
1941 Carlin Ave.
Findlay, OH 45840
419-422-8616

Century Health
1918 N. Main St.
Findlay, OH 45840
419-425-5050

Help Me Grow
Birth-3 years old
1700 E. Sandusky St.
Findlay, OH 45840



*A Grandparent is
A little bit parent,
A little bit teacher, and
a little bit best friend.
- Unknown*



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GRAND PROGRAM

*For Grandparents and other
relatives caring for children*



*Presented by Hancock Cty Juvenile Court
Judge Kristen K. Johnson*



Challenges

As a grandparent or caregiver of a child who is in need of guardianship, you may have many questions. How do I go about gaining custody? What services are there to help the child through this difficult time? What monetary resources are available to help me care for this child? What resources are there to assist me in dealing with the transition from my role as grandparent or caregiver to parent?

Remember, you are not alone. There are many grandparents and other caregivers caring for children just like you and they are all facing the same obstacles that you are.

Services

This program will assist grandparents and other caregivers who are caring for children in several areas:

Services—transitioning from grandparent or caregiver to primary caregiver for a child can have its difficulties. It is important that the adult and the child get the support they need to ensure the transition is successful. This program will link you to services for both you and the child.

Custody—this program will link you to a monthly clinic that will answer your questions about custody, guardianship, powers of attorney, and grandparent affidavits.

Financial assistance—this program will assist you in linking to programs that may assist you financially in caring for the child.

This program is here to help. Enrolling is as easy as filling out an information form, available at the Hancock County Juvenile Court 308 Dorney Plaza, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

A GROWING TREND...

Nationwide, 2.7 million grandparents are raising grandchildren, and about one-fifth of those have incomes that fall below the poverty line, according to census figures.

Their ranks are increasing. The number of grandparents raising grandchildren is up 7 percent from 2009. Experts say the trend is likely to continue as the nation responds to the opiate epidemic. Military deployment and a growth in the number of women incarcerated are other factors forcing grandparents to step into parental roles.-
Alejandra Cancino, Associated Press

- 2.7 million grandparents are responsible for most of the basic needs of their grandchildren.

- 60% of these grandparent caregivers are in the workforce.

- 21% live below the poverty line.

- 36% have provided care for the children for more than 5 years.

