



SKIP Generations Program at Family Resource Center **Southwest Family Resource Center, 89 Genesee Street, Rochester**

Goals

SKIP Generations is designed to provide grandparents/kinship caregivers in our community with information, education, and support to strengthen their ability to care for their grandchildren.

About the Service

Skip Generations offers weekly group meetings to support and educate grandparents/kinship caregivers. Parenting education workshops are designed to provide grandparents/kinship caregivers with access to services and information that will help them to be better prepared to raise the children in their care. One group is designed specifically for grandparents who are raising grandchildren with developmental or learning disabilities. Participants are taught how to navigate the school system for special education services. Another group is facilitated by a clinical psychiatrist and is a therapeutic support group for the grandparents/kinship caregivers.

Individual assistance and advocacy are also offered to grandparents/kinship caregivers in their application process for guardianship, the Child Only Grant, and SSI (for the grandchild). Monthly home visits are also offered to grandparents/kinship caregivers who are raising grandchildren/relatives from birth to age five. Based on the Parents As Teachers curriculum, the visits help the caregiver to assess the growth and development of the child. Activities are introduced to strengthen interaction between grandparent/kinship caregiver and grandchild/relative and to reinforce milestones of child development.

Eligibility

Grandparents/kinship caregivers who have primary responsibility for children who are relatives are eligible. There is no fee to families for this service.

Self-referrals to this program are made by calling Southwest Family Resource Center at (585) 436-0370, ext. 302 or Crestwood Children's Center's Central Access and Assessment Services at (585) 429-2743.

For More Information

Additional information on SKIP Generations or other HFA services is available through the Integration Center at (585) 256-7500.

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