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St. Catherine's Center for Children provides a comprehensive range of human services designed to offer hope, foster growth, and improve the lives of the children and families we serve.

WHAT IS KINSHIP CARE?

Kinship Care refers to the full-time care of a child by a relative other than the child's biological parents, including grandparents, aunts and uncles, close family friends, or other adult relatives. The Office of Children and Family Services estimates that around 130,000 children in New York state live in kinship care. Relatives or close family friends are preferred resources for children unable to live with their parents because it maintains the child's connection to his or her family.









SERVICES FOR KINSHIP CAREGIVERS:

- Casework assistance to navigate through Department of Social Services and legal system
- Assistance in navigating the education system
- Peer support groups
- Mental health and trauma informed care information
- Training and education, like Parenting a Second Time Around and Caring for Your Own

SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN:

- Identifying and enrolling children in recreational support services (ex. music lessons, karate, after-school clubs and programs, trips to movies, parks, and bowling, etc.)
- In-home and out-of-home Respite Services.
- Educational support requesting testing and support therapies from the appropriate district, as needed.
- Support groups for children

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, or to enroll in the Kinship Care Program, contact Melinda Gonzalez, at 518-390-0802 or email kinshipcare@stcath.org

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