



HUGE VICTORY FOR DC's RELATIVE CAREGIVERS AND THE CHILDREN THEY RAISE!



For many years, DC KinCare Alliance in solidarity with DC relative caregivers and advocates for systems change have urged the DC government to **eliminate the arbitrary 6-month eligibility period** to apply for a subsidy under the Grandparent Caregiver and Close Relative Caregivers Programs.

ON APRIL 8, 2020, OUR GOAL WAS ACHIEVED!

The six-month eligibility period caused real hardship to relative caregivers and the children they raise. These caregivers are primarily women of color living in Wards 7 and 8. They endure housing and food instability even before they are called upon to raise a relative child. The children usually arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs, and the relatives have to scramble to buy food, clothing, shoes, toiletries, bedding, and even a bed. The up-front costs of caring for a child unexpectedly are great. Relative caregivers do not have savings or other resources available to cover these costs. Their struggles are even more devastating during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We are grateful that DC is addressing the immediate needs of these unsung hero caregivers who step up to protect DC's at-risk children in times of crisis.

Grandparent Caregiver
Program Application

Relative Caregiver
Program Application

For help applying for these subsidies, please call the
DC KinCare Alliance Legal Helpline at 202-505-5803
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