



COMMUNITY RESOURCES PRESENTATION

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WHO WE HELP:



**RELATIVES WHO CARE
FOR DC CHILDREN**

**WHEN THE
CHILDREN'S
PARENTS CANNOT**



WHO ARE RELATIVE CAREGIVERS?



- Blood relatives
 - Ex: Grandparents, Aunts/Uncles, or Adult Siblings
- Fictive Kin
 - Ex: Godparents or Family Friends
- Our Clients → 65% Grandparents; 35% Other relatives or fictive Kin
 - **We do not represent parents**



HOW WE HELP CAREGIVERS:



- BRIEF LEGAL ADVICE
- LIMITED OR FULL COURT REPRESENTATION
- ASSISTANCE WITH BENEFITS
- RESOURCES AND EDUCATION
- ADVOCACY

BRIEF LEGAL ADVICE

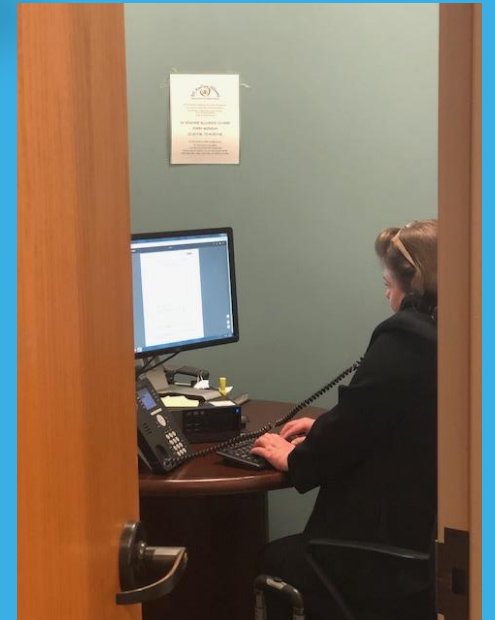
Call 202-505-5803

Legal Helpline



- Attorney-client relationship during phone call
- Relationship ends when call is over

(our weekly walk-in clinic at DC Superior Court will resume when safe to do so)



LEGAL REPRESENTATION CUSTODY MATTERS

- **We Represent:**
 - Relative caregivers seeking a court order or Custodial Power of Attorney so they can care for the child
 - Full Representation for relative caregivers in custody and other related court cases (e.g., domestic violence, neglect cases)
 - Limited Representation to file pleadings or represent caregiver at a hearing



ASSISTANCE WITH BENEFITS FOR RELATIVE CAREGIVERS (ONE STOP SHOP)



Assistance With Applying For:

TANF, SNAP, WIC

Medicaid

SSI for Children

Grandparent Caregiver Program Subsidy

Close Relative Caregiver Program Subsidy

Child Support

Child Care Subsidy

Housing Support

Utility, Rental and Other Assistance Programs



CAREGIVER RAISE ME UP GROUPS



- Conducted at our community partner sites (or virtually during the public health emergency)
- Provide education and information to relative caregivers raising DC children
 - ❖ Legal Rights
 - ❖ Financial Benefits
 - ❖ Other Resources
- Provide copies of our Relative Caregiver Resource Guide
- Provide Brief Legal Advice (after each group)

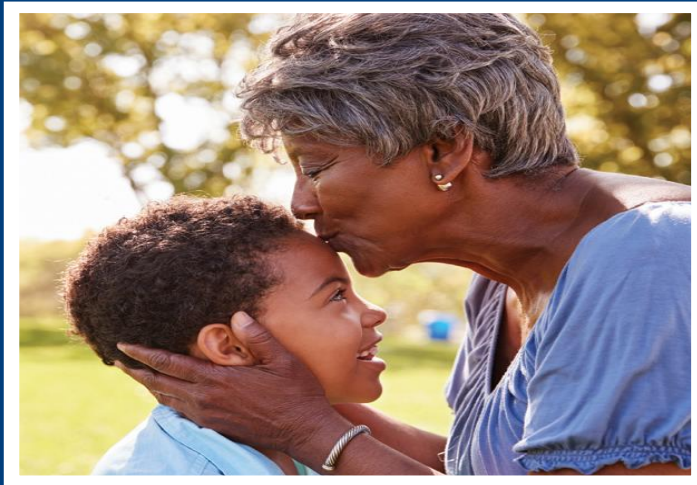


OUR RELATIVE CAREGIVER RESOURCE GUIDE



A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR RELATIVES RAISING D.C. CHILDREN:

Helping You Find the Best Path Forward



This Guide provides information about the legal options and financial resources to consider when it becomes necessary for a relative caregiver to care for a DC child
Available in hard copy or online on our website



ADVOCACY



- Assess the needs of DC relative caregivers
- Testify before DC Council to enhance legal rights and financial benefits for relative caregivers
- Meet with DC government agencies and community organizations about kinship family issues
- Draft articles and papers to educate the community and decision-makers on the essential needs of relative caregivers
- File impact litigation to address systemic concerns



QUESTIONS?



If you are a relative caregiver who would benefit from legal advice, help with court proceedings or benefits, or help with locating resources and support...

Give us a call!

LEGAL HELPLINE
(Centralized Intake)

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