

Kinship Care Defined

Any living arrangement in which minor children live with neither of their parents, but are cared for by a relative.

Kinship Care Eligibility

The only requirement to get assistance accessing information, is that you are raising children who are kin.

WYKA Mission

To create a safe environment which will assure that families will have successful access to all needed resources at the community level obtained through a respectful and dignified process.



“Together we can do the job.”

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With support from Casey Family Programs

Looking for Answers? **Public Welcome!**

Community Conversation & Dialogue 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Senior Activity Center, 2101 Thomes Avenue, Cheyenne
(next to the Burke Building, directly north of the Cheyenne Civic Center)

Free child care and free dinner provided. Please call for topic.
RSVP two days prior to Alice or Dianne at 307-635-9291.

Examples of topics:

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| DFS Regulations | Navigating “The System” |
| Celebration of Culture | The Challenge of Daycare |
| Developmental Expectations | Easing the Holiday Stress |
| School System Information | Legalities of Guardianship |

Circle of Parents for Grandparents 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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(next to the Burke Building, directly north of the Cheyenne Civic Center)

RSVP to Nita at 307-634-1010 or Alice at 307-635-9291.

The Community Conversation & Dialogue and Circle of Parents for Grandparents meetings are held state wide. Contact us for more information.

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*Enhancing the quality of life in
Wyoming communities by promoting
stabilty for families caring for
minor children born to kin.*

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Wyoming Kinship Advocacy facilitates relative caregiver support — through experienced staff who are grandparents raising grandchildren — by offering confidential information and referrals. (See below.)

The desired outcome is the adjustment, positive growth, development and encouragement to sufficiency and success of kinship caregivers and their minor children.

**Wyoming Kinship Advocacy is a Kinship Driven Organization
Providing Confidential Information and Referrals for...**

Legal Assistance

Survey options of guardianship, custody, subsidized guardianship, co-guardianship, adoption, and temporary guardianship for school enrollment, medical and dental care purposes.

Educational Support

Assist kinship caregiver to take a position of advocacy concerning their child's education. Partner with Parents Helping Parents of Wyoming (part of Parent Education Network and Parent Information Center) and UPLIFT for children who have emotional and mental health issues.

Health Issues

Assure kin care providers are aware of free and low-cost children's health care coverage with Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP). Assist low-income kin caregivers with information about coverage for themselves. Work with community partners for education on family wellness, including diet and exercise recommendations and options.

Wyoming Statistics —

- 6% (7,045) of all Wyoming children live in grandparent-headed households. Source: U.S. Census, 2005
- 37% increase in number of grandchildren in grandparent-headed households from 2000 to 2005. Source: U.S. Census, 2005
- Wyoming ranks seventh in the nation for grandparents responsible for raising grandchildren.

Source: 2006 American Community Survey

United States Statistics —

- At least 1/4 of all children nationally are in relative care arrangements. Formal and informal kinship care placement results in a 6.5 billion dollar savings to the government.

Source: U.S. Census, 2005

Financial Assistance

Help kin caregivers examine the financial needs of the family, whether in application for benefits with the Wyoming Department of Family Services, housing, medical care and dental care, clothing, food, or other material needs of the family.

Mental Health Concerns

Link kin care families to the variety of community supports for mental health care services, support for chemical abuse and domestic violence issues. Partner with mental health providers for further education as to these issues and education regarding the conditions affecting kin children, such as Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity, Reactive Attachment Disorder, etc.

Child Care Needs

Explore choices for child care, including in-home care, family childcare, daycare businesses, and programs for early childhood education programs and screening, such as Stride Learning Center and Headstart.

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