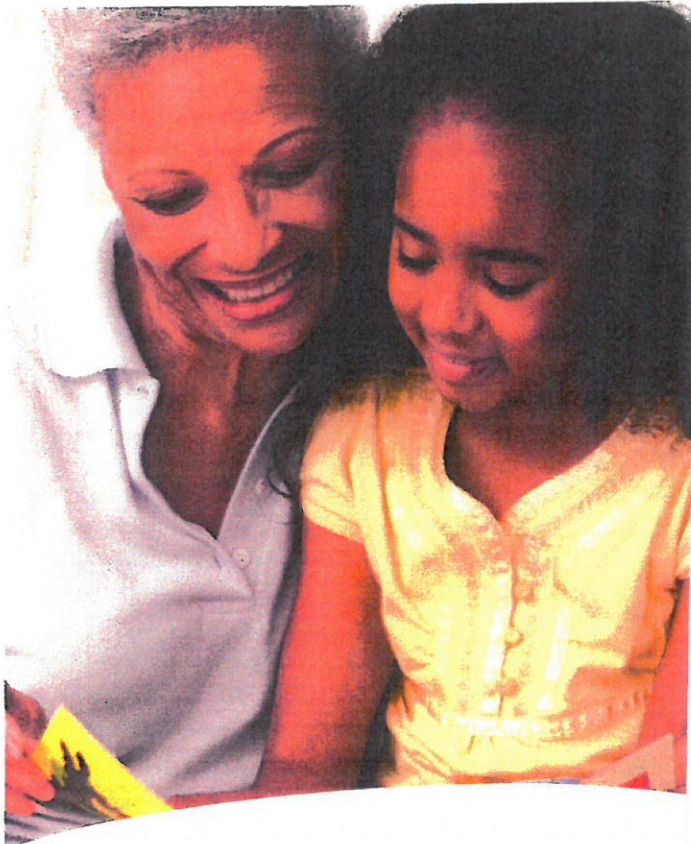




Kinship Support Services



Kinship care has been a nationally-growing phenomenon for the last decade. In Arizona, there are more than 198,000 households headed by grandparents or other relatives who are currently caring for one or more relative children. Research indicates that children in kinship care experience greater stability than those in foster care. Currently, many kinship families do not receive the support and resources that would help them create more stability for their household.

Arizona's Children Association has worked for years to empower the community to support these very special families and their potential to provide a positive alternative to traditional foster care.

Protecting Children, Empowering Youth,
Strengthening Families.

Are you raising a child not born to you?

Families caring for children born to others have unique challenges. Our programs provide the necessary support and assistance that will allow them to navigate the unique challenges they may encounter while raising their relative children. Services may vary by location and are available in English and Spanish.

Services provided include:

- Information, referral and connection
- Help in starting guardianship process (Guardianship Clinics) for Probate Court (forms provided free), to help caregivers enroll children in school and apply for medical services.
- Legal resource information
- Assistance for families wishing to become guardians or adoptive parents through the juvenile court.
- Support groups
- Connecting caregivers to community providers to assist with completing benefit applications (i.e. TANF, AHCCCS and Kids Care)
- Information & education for caregivers and children on navigating various systems including school, court, healthcare, mental health, benefits programs, Department of Child Safety, etc.

Classes, support groups and other activities are held at our Tucson KARE Center and other locations around the state. The KARE Family Center in Tucson is a collaboration with Casey Family Programs. For a full list of Kinship Resources, visit www.arizonakinship.org.

Kinship Support Services
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Walk-in hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9am-4:30pm.

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