

About kinship care

Kinship caregivers are relatives who step up to care for, nurture, and protect children when their parents cannot provide them with a safe and stable home. The number one causal factor for kinship families is parental substance misuse. Kinship care offers security to a child, reduces the effects of adverse childhood experiences, and promotes positive experiences which build a child's sense of belonging and connection. Kinship caregivers often take in children without notice and lack the financial resources to absorb additional members into their households.



7.8m

Children live in a household headed by a grandparent or other relative

2.6m

Children live in a relative's home without a biological parent present, and 30% of those children live in poverty

Did you know?

The number of grandparents raising grandchildren in New Hampshire is estimated to be more than 12,000. Grandparents comprise 75% of our applicants, many of whom live on fixed incomes and whose savings have been depleted by years of caring for family members with substance use disorder. No one plans on raising a second, sometimes third family, and doing it later in life presents unique challenges—emotionally, physically, and financially. Of these grandparents in New Hampshire, approximately:

49%

Live at twice the poverty level or lower

25%

Have a disability

50%

Are not employed

22%

Are over the age of 65

In New Hampshire, for every child in foster care with a relative, there are 14 being raised by grandparents or other relatives outside the foster care system.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact us.

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For any questions, call or email us.

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Even heroes need a hand

Our purpose

Step Up Parents was formed to provide financial assistance to kinship caregivers in New Hampshire who have stepped up to raise the children of parents struggling with substance use disorder. We fill gaps in household budgets and respond to a family's immediate financial needs. By assisting the caregivers who are raising New Hampshire's vulnerable children, we give them more than monetary support—we give them hope and remind them that they are not alone. Step Up Parents destigmatizes substance misuse and provides a safe forum in which caregivers can ask for help.



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We rely on your generous donations

No donation is too small. Kinship caregivers respond in real time to real family crises. Often, they require immediate help to meet the basic needs of the children unexpectedly in their care. Each dollar we can commit to their request for assistance is one less dollar they have to worry about. Please help us help them.

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