



THE PLACE FOR GRANDPARENTS, RELATIVE CAREGIVERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES



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INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER



WELCOME

Kinship Care Resource Center provides resources for grandparents and other relatives raising children in parent-absent homes. The Center offers direct and referral services for adults, teens, and youth including case management, tutoring, financial and educational workshops, computer training, and day and overnight trips.

Enrollment for Kinship Care services is open to all Clayton County grandparents raising grandchildren and other relative caregivers in parent-absent homes. Applicant must bring proof of residency, custody/guardianship papers, and social security cards for children in their care. New Client intakes and orientations are done every Wednesday and Thursday by appointment.



Kinship Care participated in the Boys II Men event (pictured on front page) held at the Jim Huie Recreation Center on Saturday, November 16, 2024. The event welcomed boys of all ages to a morning filled with inspiration, motivational speakers, music, food and more. In attendance were Commissioner Demont Davis, Clayton County employees, special guests, parents and students.

Commissioner Tashe' Allen, Clayton County Parks and Recreation, and the Clayton County Office of Youth Services hosted the Girls and Goals Vision Board Party on Sat., Dec. 21, 2024 at the Jim Huie Recreation Center. This event empowered young women ages 7-18 to create vision boards, set goals, build confidence, and stay motivated. Pictured above is Taylor Smith, a Kinship Youth participant with her vision board.

CENTER INFORMATION

The Kinship Care Resource Center provides a variety of experiences to its members that includes educational programming and classes, fitness, aquatic classes, events, dances, health and wellness programs, and socialization.

OUR STAFF

Center Manager.....Leslie Callier
Program Coordinator.....Gbemisola Onalty
Case Manager.....Kathyrn Gayle Wolfson
Kinship Leader.....Kellie Smith
Office Assistant.....Linda Dennis
Program Aide.....Felita Daniely
Tutor.....Normeaka Champion

HOLIDAYS

Easter - April 20, 2025
 Mother's Day - May 11, 2025
 Memorial Day - May 26, 2025
 Juneteenth - June 19, 2025

HOURS OF OPERATION

Center Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
 Thursday, Friday: 8:30am - 6:30pm

Cultural Arts Administrator

Omari Jones
 omari.jones@claytoncountyga.gov
 Office: 770 347-0150



PROGRAMMING

SPECIAL EVENTS

	DATE	ADMISSION
Easter & Spring Festival	TBA	Free
Volunteer Appreciation Brunch	TBA	Free
Graduation Celebration	TBA	Free
Father's Day Jam & Jazz	TBA	Free

ACTIVITIES

	DATE	ADMISSION
SMOOTHIES FOR THE SOUL (A)	TBA	Free
BINGO (A)	TBA	Free
WORKOUT WITH COACH PERRY (Y)	TBA	Free
PAINT A SELF PORTRAIT (Y)	TBA	Free
JEWELRY MAKING (A)	TBA	Free
KEEPSAKE BOX (T)	TBA	Free
SLEEPING DISORDER (A)	TBA	Free
COMMON CORE MATH (A)	TBA	Free
WORD TRIVIA (Y)	TBA	Free
WHY DO I BEHAVE THIS WAY? (T)	TBA	Free
NO CAPPING HAT DESIGN (T)	TBA	Free
GREETING CARD DAY (Y)	TBA	Free
DIY TOILET TISSUE FLOWERS (A)	TBA	Free
PORTUGEST LUNCH & LEARN (F)	TBA	Free
LET'S TALK ABOUT FOOD (A)	TBA	Free
CELLPHONES AND MORE (A)	TBA	Free
OBSTACLE MAZE (Y)	TBA	Free
SKIN HEALTH FOR CAREGIVERS (A)	TBA	Free
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MANAGEMENT (A)	TBA	Free
NUTRITION & HEALTH FOR KIDS (A)	TBA	Free
AQUA AEROBICS (A)	TBA	Free

TRIPS

	DATE	ADMISSION
SANDBOX VIRTUAL REALITY ATLANTA	TBA	Free
COCA-COLA MUSEUM	TBA	Free
ALLIANCE THEATRE	TBA	Free
FAMILY FUN DAY SPIVEY SPLASH	TBA	Free
JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION	TBA	Free

ROLES

President – Lesli Sirls

Vice President – Doris Shaffer

Treasurer – Yvette Dennis

Secretary – Angelita Worthy (Angel)

Join the Advisory Board Meeting on the 3rd or 4th Wed 10:30 am or 5:30 pm .

Check the Kinship monthly calendar or call for details.

CONTACT:

Lesli Sirls (313)971-6317

Doris Shaffer (678)788-5129

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The mission of the volunteer program is to assist Senior Services and programs, that promote independence, dignity, and enhance the quality of life while providing a safe and caring environment.

If you would like to be a volunteer at our center, please contact Kinship at 770-347-5788.



CLUBS & GROUPS

Kinship Care Resource Center offers a variety of clubs for our members to join. Register online at www.myactivecenter.com to participate.

AVAILABLE CLUBS

- Quilting Club
- Adult Support Group
- Butterfly Project
- Gardening

AGING PROGRAM

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The Aging Program is funded through a Federal grant that is administered through the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). Congress passed the Older Americans Act (OAA) in 1965 in response to concern by policymakers about a lack of community social services for older persons. The law also established the Administration on Aging (AoA) to administer the newly created grant programs to address the special needs of older Americans.



Information & Assistance Specialists assess the individual's long and short-term needs, identifying resources to meet those needs, providing a referral to identified resources, and, when appropriate, following up to ensure that the individual's needs have been met.

Case Managers determines who qualifies for our free services. They average about 80 clients each.

Transportation Services include demand/response services, dialysis appointments, and transportation of clients to our Congregate Program.



MEALS ON WHEELS

In partnership with Program Open Hands who brings chilled meals for both MOW clients and frozen lunches for Clayton Senior Adult Program participants at the Frank Bailey Senior Center.

CENTERS INFORMATION

Senior Services Centers *For Seniors 55+*

FRANK BAILEY SENIOR CENTER

(678) 479-5505

6213 Riverdale Road, Riverdale

J. CHARLEY GRISWELL CENTER

(770) 477-3499

2300 Highway 138, Jonesboro

SONNA GREGORY SENIOR CENTER

(770) 347-0340

3215 Anvil Block Road, Ellenwood

Intergenerational Center

For Caregivers, Grandparents, and Youth - Teens

KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

(770) 473-5788

849 Battle Creek Road, Jonesboro

Cultural Arts Center

For Youth, Teens, Adults, and Seniors

FLINT RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER

(770) 347-0370

153 Flint River Road, Riverdale

Aging Program

For Seniors 55+

AGING PROGRAM

(770) 603-4050

877 Battle Creek Road, Jonesboro

Mission Statement

To deliver services and programs that promote independence, dignity and enhances the quality of life while providing a safe and caring environment for older adults, relative caregivers, youth, teens, adults and families.



SENIOR SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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Mai Toussant

The Director and Assistant Director of Clayton County Senior Services Department are responsible for ensuring the Clayton County Aging Program, Senior Centers and Intergenerational Centers are operating effectively and efficiently. We accomplish this goal by hiring passionate, competent and dedicated leaders to directly oversee facilities, services and programs.

If you have any issues or concerns while participating in our services or programs please reach out to the Center Manager or Administrators who's contact information is included in the staffing section of this newsletter.

In the event your issues or concerns are not resolved please reach out to the Assistant Director of Clayton County Senior Services Department who oversees the Aging, Cultural Arts and Senior Center Deputy Administrators.

The Director of Senior Services has an open-door policy which encourages open communication, feedback and discussion about any matter of importance to members and clients. Therefore, if your issues or concerns are not resolved on the aforementioned levels please feel free to reach out to the Director who is ultimately responsible for the entire Department.



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OUR SERVICES



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