

GRANDPARENT SUPPORT PROJECT



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Children, Youth & Family Services



Grandparents Raising Their Children's Children Support Group

***Montpelier:** Meet at the
Resurrection Baptist Church on Elm
Street

***Second Thursday** of each month;
from 6pm to 8pm

***Light refreshments and childcare
provided. Call Evelyn Sawyer at 476-
1480 or 288-6322 for directions.**

Barre: 23 Summer Street, (10am to
noon) First and third Wednesday of
each month

***South Barre:** 579 South Barre Rd
6pm to 8pm on the fourth
Thursday of each month

MISSION

The Grandparent Support Project is committed to strengthening and supporting grandparents and other relative headed families who are raising their grandchildren or relatives child who may be experiencing an emotional and /or behavioral challenge? It is our goal to assist through support activities that enhance the caregiver's ability to connect with formal and informal resources necessary to sustain family relationships and to nurture continued growth.

We Believe...

Grandparents who are re-parenting should have supports that strengthen their existing sources of support and help build connections to resources in their communities and creating opportunities to share their experiences

Who We Serve...

Grandfamilies whose grand child or youth are experiencing a serious emotional behavioral disturbance as defined by ACT 264 criteria. Priority is given to children and youth who are residing with their grandparents where other supports and resources are not available or being provided.

Funding...

Services are provided primarily to eligible Medicaid recipients and those in the application process for Medicaid or Katie Beckett Medicaid funding. In cases where other sources of payment are available, services may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

Length of Service...

Length of stay in services is driven by goal identified by the grandfamily), the child or youth when appropriate, and other relevant supports or providers. Goals will be regularly reviewed and revised no less than once every three months.

What Can We Do...

Service Coordination - assist grandparents in identifying and connecting with supports that are helpful and meaningful.

Support Services - listening and attending to the cares and concerns of grandparents around issues of future planning, guardianship issues, court processes, relationship/visitation issues with parents of the child, etc.

Grandparent Support Groups once a month regionally (see listing next page).