

For the past 15 years, Cornell Cooperative Extension has delivered the **Relatives As Parent Program (RAPP)** in Dutchess County. RAPP is designed to encourage and promote the provision of services for grandparents and other (kinship) relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting because the parents are unable or unavailable to parent their children. There are numerous reasons why grandparents and other relative caregivers are being called upon to rear children. But generally, they have one common thread: they are stepping in at the point of a family crisis. RAPP addresses the unique needs of kinship family households through comprehensive services including support groups, case management, referrals, education and family engagement and preservation in Dutchess County.



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Want to support RAPP?

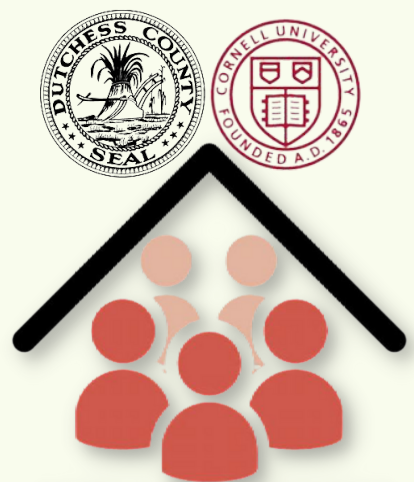
Are you ready to make a direct impact on enhancing the lives of the families receiving RAPP services?

Then we want to talk!

Please contact Jessica today to discuss how your monetary contribution will increase the services and resources provided to each child and caregiver by adding such enhancements as additional respite events, programs- even art supplies! **Plus**, your name/logo will be incorporated in all our program materials.

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THANK YOU!



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The **Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)** assists grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the role of primary caregiver for related children. We provide:

- Education and training to learn new parenting and coping skills
- Mutual peer support groups
- Youth development activities
- Referral and access to appropriate community-based services and resources

All this is available in a setting designed to promote confidential sharing, caring and mutual respect.

Available Resources/Referrals:

Financial Management:

Financial management education to help set family financial goals and develop a spending plan.]

Mediation Service:

Referrals to resolve a conflict and restore peace in your life with the help of a professional mediator.

Special Events:

Winter Holiday Event, Summer Picnic, and other recreational and intergenerational activities for kinship care families to enjoy!

Child Only Grant:

Assistance with application through Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services.

Dinner & Conversation: RAPP Chat

Support Groups: Let's visit and share with other relatives raising children.

Youth Development Programs:

A fun and informal way to assist RAPP youth 6 and older to make new friends, develop self-understanding and build confidence.

Parenting Education:

Programs designed especially for grandparents and relatives who are "parenting the second time around."

Certified Healthcare Navigator:

Referrals to appropriate healthcare resources.

Legal Information:

Referrals to appropriate legal resources.

Peer Mentoring:

Trained adult mentors to assist families in navigating education, legal and social services.

Nutrition Education:

Practical information and hands-on activities to meet your family's nutritional needs.

Education Advocacy:

Referrals to appropriate educational resources for adults and children.

Summer Camp Tuition Assistance:

Assistance with application through Dutchess County Office for the Aging.

ARE YOU?

A grandparent raising grandchildren?
An aunt or uncle raising nieces or nephews?

A sibling raising a brother or sister?
A FAMILY FRIEND raising your FRIENDS child?

Raising a child under 18 not born to you?
Any combination?

If you answered YES, then you are a Kinship family, and we are here to help!

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Members of RAPP come together for facilitated groups and activities to share successes and struggles of parenting a kinship child. The group is made up of people sharing similar circumstances and we share tips for dealing with changing circumstances, community resources, coping skills for family dynamics, and how to negotiate with outside services providers.

We provide regular support for the parents, activities for the kids and regular FREE family events!

All services are FREE to qualified kinship families: