Kinship Care Resource Center



THE PLACE FOR GRANDPARENTS, RELATIVE CAREGIVERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES









Where the World Lands and Opportunities Take Off

INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
INSIDE THIS SESSION'S ISSUE:

Center Information
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Upcoming Events & Classes
Advisory Board, Volunteers, Groups
And more...

Pictured above center: Leslie Callier, Kinship Manager, Mrs. Brooks (left) & Pearl King (right) wives of the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity {Stockbridge/Jonesboro Alumni Silhouette Chapter}.















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.

Pictured to the right:

Robyn Pate, Insurance Broker & Kinship Member



Kinship Care Resource Center held their annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Friday, May 16 @ Flint River Community Center. This event is designed to celebrate the dedication, generosity, and impact of the incredible individuals who selflessly give their time and talents to support our mission. Volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization, and this program exists to ensure they feel seen, valued, and inspired. Through a blend of recognition events, personalized thank-you gestures, and ongoing engagement, the program aims to cultivate a culture of gratitude while strengthening relationships with our volunteer community.

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

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Kinship Leader Kellie Smith

Office Assistant Linda Dennis

Program Aide Felita Daniely

Office Assistant Normeaka Champion

Maintenance Robert Thomas

HOLIDAYS

Independence Day - July 4, 2025 Labor Day - September 1, 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

Family Fun Day Kinship Golden Gala

DATE

8/29/2025 9/19/2025

DATE

ADMISSION

Free Free

ACTIVITIES Building Strong Family Relationships (A)

Yoga for Kids (Y)
Preventing Caregiver Burnout (A)
Yoga for Teens (T)

Cultural Music Festival (F)

Optical Illusion (T)
Juicing for Joint Pain (A)

Crayola Whipped Paint (Y)

Be Smarter than Scammers (A)

Installing & Using Apps (A)

Fostering Academic Success (A)

Recognizing & Responding to Medical

Emergencies (A)

Smart Nutrition on a Budget (A)

Mock Interview (A)
Aqua Aerobics (A)

Aqua Aerobics (A)
Amazing Airbrush(Y)

Easy Stone Painting Craft (T)

DIY Red Roses (A)

Parenting thru the Teen Years (A)

Line Dancing

How to Make Espresso

Supporting Your Child's Mental Health

Stress & Anxiety Management

Nature Lantern

Air Modeling Clay

Finger Puppets

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9/4/25 9/10/25

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TRIPS

The Fig Tree Café (T)
Clayton County Community Garden (Y)
Spa Day Trip (A)
Atlanta History Center (F)

DATE

7/11/25 7/11/25 8/15/25 9/2/25

ADMISSION

Free Free Free

ADVISORY BOARD

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 calerdar 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

AGING PROGRAM SERVICES

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+	Office Number	Location		
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

Director
Assistant Director
Deputy Administrator
Deputy Administrator
Cultural Arts Administrator
Special Events Coordinator
Administrative Secretary
Office Administrator Senior
Office Manager

Tori Strawter-Tanks Melissa Myers-Bristol Tonette White Kendra Sheppard

Omari Jones
Brandi Rocker
Aretha Maddox
Christie Essein
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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Nakia Vaughn Kaiser Permanente Medicare specialist

470-352-7929 (TTY 711) Nakia.R.Vaughn@kp.org



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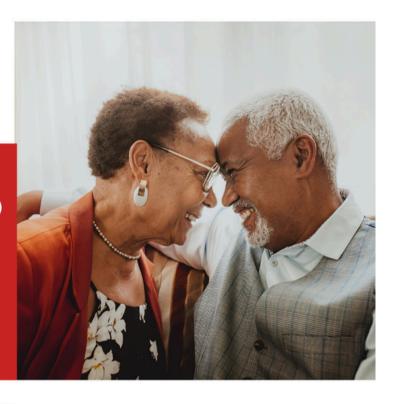
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OUR SERVICES



MEDICARE HEALTH PLANS

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LIFE INSURANCE

For everyone who needs our help with selecting the right life insurance policy for their unique circumstances.



HEALTH INSURANCE

For everyone who does not have Medicare, but needs health insurance.



LONG TERM CARE

For everyone who needs medical and non-medical coverage over an extended period of time.



CRITICAL ILLNESS

For everyone who wants protection and security from a life-changing illness







Kinship Staff & Members

















