

# Kinship Care Resource Center 2026



January - March

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RELATIVE CAREGIVERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES**



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## **INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER INSIDE THIS SESSION'S ISSUE:**

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

**Pictured above:** Kinship held its very first Paint & Sip in the Park in Forest Park during Fall Break.



**Leslie Callier**  
**Breast Cancer Party in**  
**Pink/Walk**



**Gbemisola Onalty**  
**Back To School Prep**  
**Event**



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# KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

Center Newsletter



## 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 Left to Right: Kellie Smith, Robert Thomas, Leslie Callier, Gbemisola Onalty, Normeaka Champion, Gayle Wolfson, Cynthia Person***





# 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  
**Case Manager**..... Vacant  
**Kinship Leader**.....Kellie Smith  
**Office Assistant**.....Linda Dennis  
**Program Aide**..... Vacant  
**Office Assistant**.....Normeaka Champion  
**Maintenance**.....Robert Thomas  
**Tutor** ..... Vacant

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

**New Years Day** - January 1, 2026  
**MLK Day** - January 19, 2026  
**Valentine's Day** - February 14, 2026  
**Black History Month** - February 1st-28th

## CENTER CLOSURES

New Years Day - January 1, 2026  
MLK Day - January 19, 2026

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### Center Hours

**Monday - Friday:**  
**8:30am - 6:30pm**

**Cultural Arts Administrator**  
**Omari Jones**

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



# PROGRAMMING

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Valentine's Day Western Party  
Mardi Gras Carnival & Parade

## DATE

2/13/26  
3/20/26

## ADMISSION

FREE  
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## ACTIVITIES

Youth Mini Circuit Training (Y)  
High Intensity Workout for Teens (T)  
Strength & Chair Fitness (A)  
Jigsaw Puzzles (A)  
How to Track Your Heart Rate (A)  
Positive Discipline Strategies (A)  
My Healthy Plate (Y)  
Teen Nutrition & Fitness (T)  
Aging Well Strength, Balance & Brain Health (A)  
Self-Care & Stress Management (A)  
Gaining Better Study Habits (Y)  
Yarn Bird Craft (Y)  
Decorate Your Crocs (T)  
Geometric Tape Painting (A)  
Attachment & Bonding Techniques (A)  
Budgeting "4" Teens (T)  
Black History Program (F)  
Hairbows & Helmets (Y)  
Nail Design (T)  
Kusama Inspired Dot Art (A)  
Recipes For Lowering Blood Pressure (A)  
Emotional Coaching (A)  
A World of Clay (Y)  
Teen Sip & Paint (T)  
Mason Jar Luminaries (A)  
Mental Reset (A)  
Planting Seeds of Change

## DATE

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## TRIPS

Escape Game (F)  
Tinseltown Theatre (A)

## DATE

2/16/26  
3/5/26

## ADMISSION

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 calendar or call for details.

### CONTACT:

Lesli Sirls 313-971-6317  
Doris Shaffer (678)788-5129

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## 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](http://www.myactivecenter.com) to participate.

### AVAILABLE CLUBS

Quilting Club  
Adult Support Group  
Butterfly Project  
Gardening

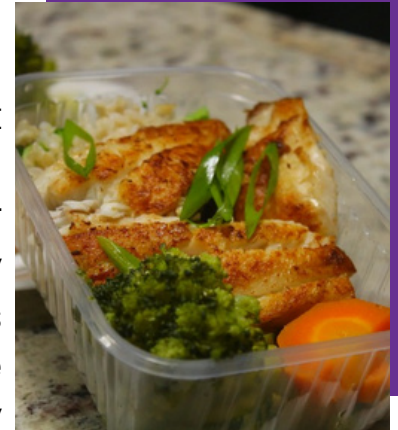




# AGING PROGRAM

## 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.

# CENTER 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
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**Cultural Arts Center****For Youth, Teens, Adults, and Seniors**

FLINT RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER	(770) 347-0370	153 Flint River Road, Riverdale
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**Aging Program****For Seniors 55+**

AGING PROGRAM	(770) 603-4050	877 Battle Creek Road, Jonesboro
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**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

<b>Interim Director</b>	Melissa Myers-Bristol
<b>Assistant Director</b>	Vacant
<b>Deputy Administrator</b>	Tonette White
<b>Deputy Administrator</b>	Kendra Sheppard
<b>Cultural Arts Administrator</b>	Omari Jones
<b>Special Events Coordinator</b>	Brandi Rocker
<b>Administrative Secretary</b>	Aretha Mattox
<b>Office Administrator Senior</b>	Christie Essein
<b>Office Manager</b>	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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to a 5 out of 5-Star rated  
Medicare Health Plan for 2023\*



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Would you like to learn more about Medicare or a Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plan? **Just give me, your local Kaiser Permanente Medicare specialist, a call for more information.**

**Nakia Vaughn**

Kaiser Permanente Medicare specialist

**470-352-7929 (TTY 711)**

**Nakia.R.Vaughn@kp.org**



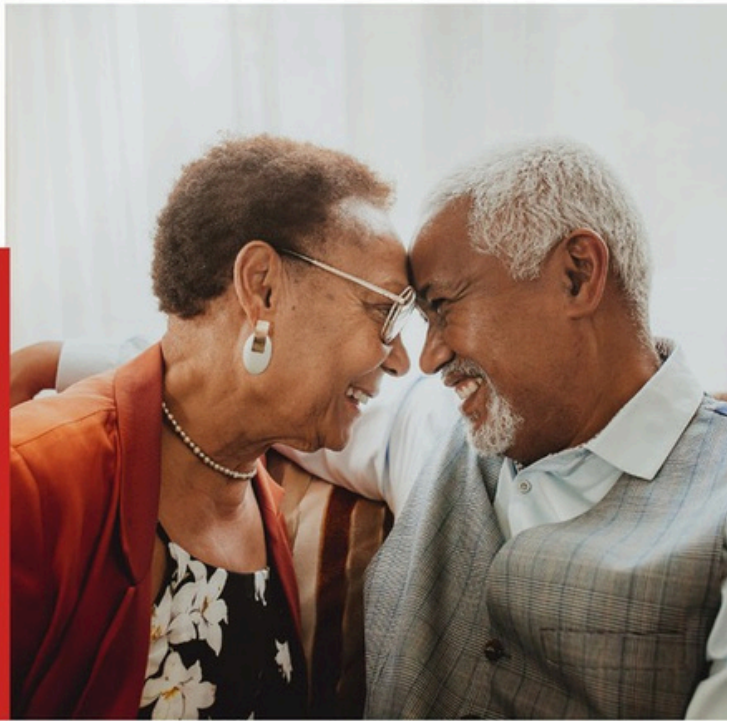
\* Every year, Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-star rating system.

Kaiser Permanente is an HMO and HMO-POS plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Kaiser Permanente depends on contract renewal. You must reside in the Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plan service area in which you enroll. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia, Inc., Nine Piedmont Center, 3495 Piedmont Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30305.



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## OUR SERVICES



### MEDICARE HEALTH PLANS

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### HEALTH INSURANCE

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# Kinship Staff & Members





**KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER  
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FOR A**



# **VALENTINE'S DAY WESTERN PARTY**



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026  
4:30-7:30PM**

**SO COM ON Y'ALL**

**ENJOY GAMES, MUSIC, FOOD AND FAMILY  
FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

**WESTERN ATTIRE ENCOURAGED!**

**REGISTER AT [MYSENIORCENTER.COM](http://MYSENIORCENTER.COM)  
OR CALL 770 473-5788**



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**Senior Services**

CLAYTON COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON  
THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, RELIGION, AGE, OR DISABILITY  
IN PROVISION OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.