

Kinship Care Resource Center 2026



January - March

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INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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



**Gbemisola Onalty
Back To School Prep
Event**

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



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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

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADMISSION</u>
Valentine's Day Western Party	2/13/26	FREE
Mardi Gras Carnival & Parade	3/20/26	FREE

ACTIVITIES

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADMISSION</u>
Youth Mini Circuit Training (Y)	1/2/26	FREE
High Intensity Workout for Teens (T)	1/2/26	FREE
Strength & Chair Fitness (A)	1/2/26	FREE
Jigsaw Puzzles (A)	1/8/26	FREE
How to Track Your Heart Rate (A)	1/14/26	FREE
Positive Discipline Strategies (A)	1/14/26	FREE
My Healthy Plate (Y)	1/16/26	FREE
Teen Nutrition & Fitness (T)	1/16/26	FREE
Aging Well Strength, Balance & Brain Health (A)	1/16/26	FREE
Self-Care & Stress Management (A)	1/21/26	FREE
Gaining Better Study Habits (Y)	1/22/26	FREE
Yarn Bird Craft (Y)	1/30/26	FREE
Decorate Your Crocs (T)	1/30/26	FREE
Geometric Tape Painting (A)	1/30/26	FREE
Attachment & Bonding Techniques (A)	2/4/26	FREE
Budgeting "4" Teens (T)	2/5/26	FREE
Black History Program (F)	2/6/26	FREE
Hairbows & Helmets (Y)	2/13/26	FREE
Nail Design (T)	2/13/26	FREE
Kusama Inspired Dot Art (A)	2/13/26	FREE
Recipes For Lowering Blood Pressure (A)	2/25/26	FREE
Emotional Coaching (A)	3/11/26	FREE
A World of Clay (Y)	3/13/26	FREE
Teen Sip & Paint (T)	3/13/26	FREE
Mason Jar Luminaries (A)	3/13/26	FREE
Mental Reset (A)	3/18/26	FREE
Planting Seeds of Change	3/19/26	FREE

TRIPS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADMISSION</u>
Escape Game (F)	2/16/26	FREE
Tinseltown Theatre (A)	3/5/26	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 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

Interim Director	Melissa Myers-Bristol
Assistant Director	Vacant
Deputy Administrator	Tonette White
Deputy Administrator	Kendra Sheppard
Cultural Arts Administrator	Omari Jones
Special Events Coordinator	Brandi Rocker
Administrative Secretary	Aretha Mattox
Office Administrator Senior	Christie Essein
Office Manager	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.



Senior Services



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Kaiser Permanente Medicare specialist

470-352-7929 (TTY 711)

Nakia.R.Vaughn@kp.org



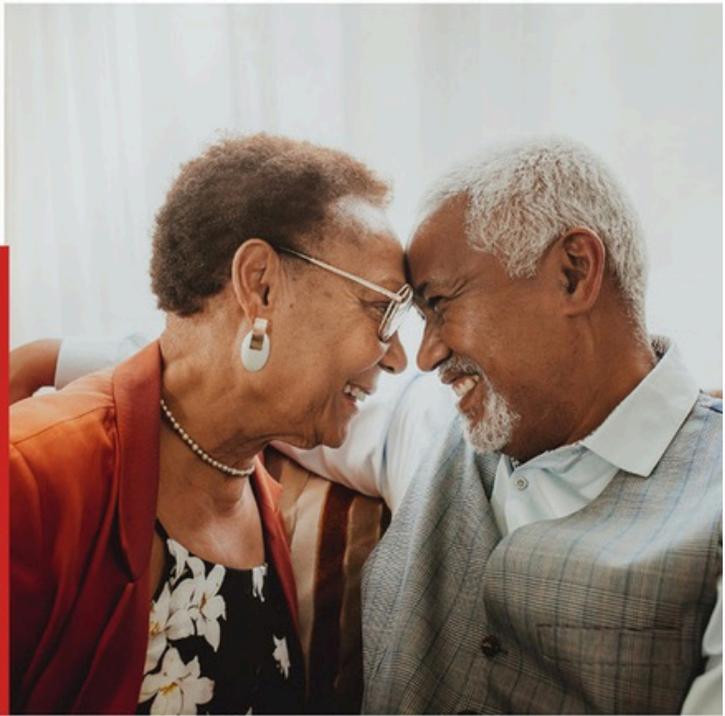
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Kaiser Permanente is an HMO and HMO-POS plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Kaiser Permanente depends on contract renewal. You must reside in the Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plan service area in which you enroll. Kaiser Foundation Health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



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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
OR CALL 770 473-5788**



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Senior Services

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