

Kinship Care Resource Center 2025



October - December

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RELATIVE CAREGIVERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES**



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Advisory Board, Volunteers, Groups

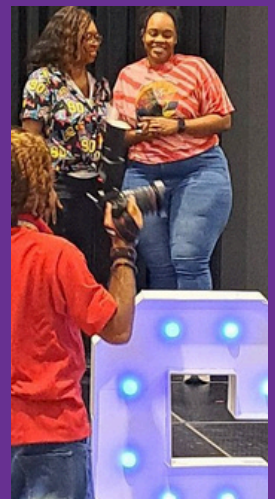
And more...

Pictured above: Kinship participated in the Clayton County Senior Services line dance competition and won second place.

Pictured above from left to right: Front Row: (Robert Thomas, Nadia Martin, Felita Daniely, Leslie Callier. Second row: Linda Dennis, Kellie Smith, Barbara Heard, Normeaka Champion, Joyce Kemp, Paula Gibbs, Phyllis Smith) Back Row: Gbemisola Onalty & Kathryn (Gayle) Wolfson



*Gbemsola Onalty
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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 right:

Kellie Smith (far left), Kinship members & sponsored recipients, Operation Level Up Team (centered in middle), Cynthia Smith & Gbemisola Onalty (far right).

Kinship Care Resource Center partnered with Operation Level Up Leadership Back 2 School Drive to sponsor and support a family in need. Because of this collaboration, these families are now starting the school year with essential school supplies and wardrobe to help their students (grades 7-12) walk into the first week with confidence and pride.

Special thanks to everyone who donated, shared, or helped spread the word, thank you for making a difference. Together, we're not just giving back, we're leveling up futures by making sure our youth feel seen, supported, and ready to succeed!

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.....Kathryn Gayle Wolfson
Case Manager.....Cynthia Person
Kinship Leader.....Kellie Smith
Office Assistant.....Linda Dennis
Program Aide.....Felita Daniely
Office Assistant.....Normeaka Champion
Maintenance.....Robert Thomas

HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27, & Friday, November 28, 2025

Christmas Break – Wednesday, December 24, & Thursday, December 25, 2025

HOURS OF OPERATION

Center Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday: 8:30am – 6:30pm

Cultural Arts Administrator **Omari Jones**

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Office: 770 347-0150



PROGRAMMING

SPECIAL EVENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADMISSION</u>
Breast Cancer Walk	10/25/25	Free
Thanksgiving Luncheon & Dessert Contest	11/21/25	Free
Kinship Annual Open House	12/4/25	Free
Kinship Christmas Celebration	12/12/25	Free

ACTIVITIES

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADMISSION</u>
Food & Mood (A)	10/1/25	Free
Family & Upbringing Exchange (F)	10/3/25	Free
Basics of Photography (T)	10/8/25	Free
Martial Arts & Self Defense (Y)	10/10/25	Free
Teen Fitness Bootcamp (T)	10/10/25	Free
Effective Communication with Healthcare Providers (A)	10/12/25	Free
Understanding Mental Health & Cognitive Decline (A)	10/15/25	Free
Transition: Teenage to Adulthood		Free
Cake Pops (T)	10/16/25	Free
Family Tree (Y)	10/17/25	Free
Cooking for Arthritis (A)	10/17/25	Free
Music Therapy (A)	10/17/25	Free
Emergency Preparedness (Y)	10/29/25	Free
Nourish to Flourish (Quick & Healthy Meals for Busy Caregivers) (A)	11/5/25	Free
Fall Nature Craft (A)	11/12/25	Free
Cooking: Famous Korean Cheese Corn Dog (T)	11/14/25	Free
Friendship Day Gift (Y)	11/14/25	Free
Navigating Technology & Social Media (A)	11/14/25	Free
Laughter Therapy (Y)	11/19/25	Free
Building Emotional Intelligence in Children (A)	12/3/25	Free
Raising Resilient Kids (A)	12/10/25	Free
3D Hand Drawing (Y)	12/17/25	Free
Bowl:	12/19/25	Free
Painting Pine Cones (A)	12/19/25	Free
Juicing for Joy (T)	12/19/25	Free

TRIPS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADMISSION</u>
JD's Horseback Riding (T)	10/10/25	Free
Southern Belle Farms (A)	11/7/25	Free
Your Faith Farm (Y)	11/26/25	Free
Clayton County Performing Arts Ceenter (F)	12/31/25	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.

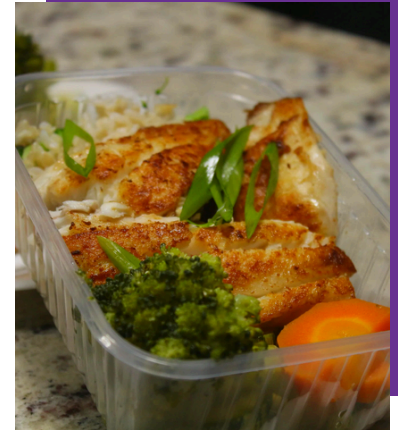
AVAILABLE CLUBS

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

Director (Interim)	Melissa Myers-Bristol
Assistant Director	
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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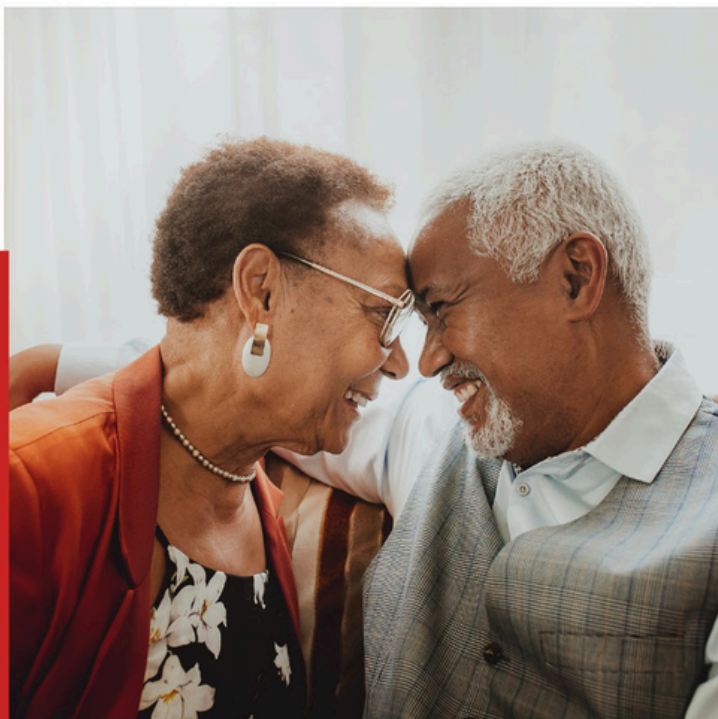
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