



Oregon Grandparent and Relative Support Groups

Support Groups in order by County

BENTON County:

Kinship Care Group

Sponsoring agency: Old Mill Center
 Meeting day, time: 9 Sessions on Thursdays, April 3 through May 29, 2008
 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
 Meeting site: Old Mill Center, 4515 SW Country Club Drive, Corvallis, OR 97333
 Contact person: Katy Trautman, 541-757-2027; Old Mill Center, 541-757-8068
 Additional information: Support group for relatives raising their relative children. Sessions are free of charge and free childcare is provided. Group reinitiating meetings on Thursday, 10/09/08.

CLACKAMAS County:

Grandparent Support Group

Sponsoring agencies: Department of Human Services and North Clackamas Family Support Center
 Meeting day, time: 1st Tuesday of the month, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
 Meeting site: Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1475 Ohlson Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027
 Contact persons: Dawna, 503-655-2614
 Additional information: Potluck follows meeting

CLACKAMAS County:

Foster Parent Support Group

Sponsoring Agency: Department of Human Services
 Meeting day, time: 2nd Monday of every month, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
 Meeting site: Oregon City DHS, 315 S Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045
 Contact persons: Linda and Ralph, 503-557-3792; Tom and Diana, 503-656-2556
 Additional information: The Foster Parent Support Group is for relative caregivers, foster, adoptive parents

COLUMBIA County:

Columbia County Support Group For Foster, Relative and Adoptive Families

Sponsoring agency: Department of Human Services
 Meeting day, time: 1st Thursday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Meeting site: DHS Building, Conference Room "A", 500 N Highway 30, St. Helens, Oregon 97051
 Contact persons: Janna M. Owens, 503-397-3292 x 8330, and Julie Nix, 503-397-3292 x 8340
 Additional information: Childcare provided

COOS County:

Grandparents ROCK (Raising Our Children's Kids)

Sponsoring agency: Area Agency on Aging
 Meeting day, time: Last Friday of the month, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting site: Faith Lutheran Church, 2741 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, OR 97459
 Contact person: Char, 541-266-0806, ckluther@hotmail.com
 Additional information: Registration requested. Childcare provided and participants share in cost of pizza.

JOSEPHINE County:

Grandparents As Parents ~ GAP

Meeting day, time: Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Meeting site: Boys and Girls Club, 203 SE 9th Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526
 Contact person: Jackie Hall, 541-479-9407
 Additional information: Free childcare available.

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KLAMATH County: Grandparents as Parents and Kinship Caregivers Support Group of Klamath Falls

Sponsoring agency: Parent-led
 Meeting day, time: 1st Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 or 1:30 p.m.
 Meeting site: 1931 Homedale Road, Klamath Falls, OR 97603
 Contact person: Lloyd King, 541-891-0268, 1-877-215-4576, or e-mail gaping@clearwire.net
 Additional information: The Grandparents as Parents and Kinship Caregivers Support Group is in the process of forming a new kinship caregiver support group in Klamath County. If you or someone you know is interested or if you would like additional information, please contact Lloyd King, a relative caregiver for the past 17 years. Free daycare available; call for information.

LINCOLN County: Lincoln County Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

Sponsoring agency: Lincoln County Health and Human Services
 Meeting day, time: 1st Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Meeting site: Lincoln County Health and Human Services
 Downstairs Conference Room (south access from Lee Street)
 36 SW Nye Street, Newport, OR 97365
 Contact person: Sharon Muir, Lincoln County HHS, 541-265-4179 x 2309, smuir@co.lincoln.or.us
 Additional information: Bring a lunch. Coffee/tea and snacks provided.

LINCOLN County: Waldport Grandparent Group

Sponsoring agency: Waldport School District
 Meeting day, time: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 Meeting site: Waldport Learning Center, 265 NE Bay Street, Waldport, OR 97394
 Contact person: Senitila McKinley, 541-574-5824, senitila.mckinley@lincoln.k12.or.us
 Additional information: Lunch provided

MARION County: Relatives as Parents Support Group

Sponsoring agency: **NorthWest Senior & Disability Services**
 Meeting day, time: 2nd Monday of the month, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
 Meeting site: 3410 Cherry Avenue NE, Keizer, OR 97303
 Contact person: Jenny Cokely, Family Caregiver Support Program, 503-304-3429
 Additional information: Grandparents raising grandchildren or any other relative raising a relative

MARION County: Relatives as Parents Support Group

Sponsoring agency: **Department of Human Services**
 Meeting day, time: One Monday evening a month
 Meeting site: Department of Human Services, 3420 Cherry Avenue NE, Keizer, OR 97303
 Contact person: E'rma Brundidge, 503-373-1200 ext. 345

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MULTNOMAH County: Grandparents and Relatives as Parents

Sponsoring agencies: The Urban League and YWCA
 Meeting day, time: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting site: Urban League, 5325 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Portland, OR 97211
 Contact persons: D'Norgia Price, 503-280-2638, dprice@ulpdx.org
 Abby Kennedy, 503-721-6779, abbyk@ywca-pdx.org
 Additional information: Dinner and childcare provided, reservations required.

MULTNOMAH County: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Sponsoring agency: Grandparent-led
 Meeting day, time: Last Friday of the month, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Meeting site: Call for meeting location
 Contact persons: Carollynn Smith, 503-309-2146
 Additional information: The general focus of this group is advocacy-based for grandparents' rights.

MULTNOMAH County: Parenting Connections: The RAFT (Relative, Adoptive and Foster Family Team)

Sponsoring agency: Parent-led
 Meeting day, time: 3rd Saturday of the month, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting site: East Hill Foursquare Church, Room A-15 (NW corner of main auditorium)
 701 N Main Avenue, Gresham, OR 97030
 Contact person: Debbie, 503-761-4686, debbie@pctheraft.org
 Web site: www.pctheraft.org
 Additional information: Parenting Connections: The RAFT is a faith-based support group for kinship/ non-kinship foster and adoptive parents as well as relative care providers and all those who provide support. Free childcare, beginning at 5:50 p.m., is provided during our support/training session. All are welcome regardless of faith.

POLK County: GrandPARENTING Again

Sponsoring agency: NorthWest Senior & Disability Services, Family Caregiver Support Program
 Meeting day, time: 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
 Meeting site: Healing Hearts Counseling Center
 110 N Monmouth Avenue, Suite 104A, Monmouth, OR 97361
 Contact person: Sherry Sullens, 503-838-6456
 Additional information: Support group for grandparents and other seniors who are raising children. The group is facilitated by Sherry Sullens, licensed child and family therapist and alcohol and drug counselor. Childcare is not provided. Childcare reimbursement may be available for those enrolled in the Family Caregiver Support Program through NorthWest Senior & Disability Services. For information on enrolling, contact 503-304-3429.

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WASHINGTON County:

GAIN...GRANDPARENTS OF AUTISTIC INDIVIDUALS NEED SUPPORT

Meeting day, time: Monday, October 6, 2008, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
 Meeting site: Elmer's Restaurant in Beaverton, 1250 Waterhouse Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006
 Contact organization: Autism Society of Oregon (ASO), 503-636-1676, info@oregonautism.com
 Additional information: GAINS will be a quarterly breakfast meeting at Elmer's Restaurant and will rotate to the east and west sides of the Willamette River in an attempt to serve the greater Portland metropolitan area. Each meeting will provide a speaker and time to interact with other participants. The first meeting of this support group will be Monday, October 6th. Please RSVP by Monday, September 29th by calling ASO office at 503-636-1676 or e-mail info@oregonautism.com.

YAMHILL County:

Grand Families of Yamhill County—*Newberg Chapter*

Meeting day, time: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 Meeting site: Newberg Christian Center, 2315 Villa Road, Newberg, OR 97132
 Contact persons: Lilly or Jim Pinneo, 503-537-0458
 Additional information: Group is open to all grandparents and other relatives raising children. The goal of this group is to support one another, gather information, and provide peer groups for children. Activities for children and food/potluck are generally available. Contact Lilly or Jim Pinneo at 503-537-0458 for further information.

YAMHILL County:

Grand Families of Yamhill County—*McMinnville Chapter*

Meeting day, time: 4th Friday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Meeting site: 420 NE 5th Street, Room 25, McMinnville, OR 97128
 (Old Physicians Medical Building)
 Contact person: Patti Sullivan, 503-472-1938 (evening); 971-237-7368 (day)
 Additional information: Bring own lunch to this meeting. Coffee, soda and water will be available. No childcare or activities are planned. The building is on the corner of 5th and Davis in McMinnville, across the street from the parking garage. For more information contact Patti Sullivan at 503-472-1938 in the evening or during the day at 971-237-7368. Group is open to all grandparents and other relatives raising children.

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