

SENIOR INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

Northwest Regional Council
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Burlington, WA 98233
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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Local Resources

Skagit Senior Information and Assistance

1650 Port Drive
Burlington, WA 98233
(360) 428-1301
Quality information about community resources and “hands-on” assistance with paperwork or other tasks for anyone over 60 years old. No income restrictions.

Financial

Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Community Services Office (CSO)
900 E. College Way
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
(360) 416-7444
May provide TANF grants, food stamps, medical assistance, foster care payments, childcare, and SSI.

Women Infant Children (WIC) Program

330 Pacific Place
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
(360) 416-7595
This program provides food assistance, education, and nutritional screening to low-income children up to age 5.

School Breakfast and Lunch Program

The free/reduced nutrition program subsidizes lunch and breakfast costs at school. Eligibility is determined by income. Contact your grandchild’s school for an application.

School Support and Contacts

Anacortes District # 103

Administration (360) 293-1200

Burlington-Edison District #100

Administration (360) 757-3311

Concrete District #11

Administration (360) 853-8141

Conway District #317

Administration (360) 445-5785

LaConner District #311

Administration (360) 466-3171

Mount Vernon District #320

Administration (360) 428-6110

NW Educational Service District #189

Administration (360) 856-1562

Sedro-Woolley District #101

Administration (360) 855-3500

Parenting/Emotional Support

Catholic Community Services

Skagit Family Center
160 Cascade Place, Ste. 201
Burlington, WA 98233
(360) 856-3054
Parenting re-education and in-home coaching as well as counseling for children and adolescents.

Kinship Navigator Program

Northwest Regional Council
600 Lakeway Dr. Suite 100
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 676-6749

Provides information and assistance as well as supportive listening to grandparents and relatives of all ages who are raising children. Navigator connects kin with community resources such as health, financial, legal services, support groups, training and emergency funds. No cost.

Organizations

AARP Grandparent Information Center

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

601 "E" Street NW

Washington, DC 20049

www.aarp.org/family/grandparenting

888-GRAND-18 (888-472-6318)

Serves as a national resource center for grandparent-headed families, program providers, professionals, policymakers, and the public-at-large. The Center provides information and referrals to services and programs for the family as well as brochures.

Websites

Grandparents.com

www.grandparents.com

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

www.usa.gov/Topics/Grandparents.shtm

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Help for Grandparents Raising Grandkids

www.aarp.org/families/grandparents/raising_grandchild/

Kinship Care in Washington State

www.dshs.wa.gov/Kinshipcare

National Association of Childcare Resource & Referral Agencies

www.naccrra.net

Washington Law Help – Family Law

www.washingtonlawhelp.org

Publications

A Resource Guide for Relatives as Parents in Washington State

Options for Grandparents and Other Nonparental Caregivers: A Legal Guide for Washington State.

Relatives Guide to Child Welfare Services

A Guide to Child Support Services for Relative Caregivers

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Order any of these publications from:

Laina Berry, Northwest Regional Council

600 Lakeway Drive Suite 100

Bellingham, WA 98225

(360) 676-6749

Publications by DSHS

A Guide to Child Support Services for Relative Caregivers

Consent to Health Care for the Child in Your Care: A Kinship Caregiver's Guide

A relative's rights and responsibilities.

Did You Know about the Following Services and Supports for Grandparents and Relatives Raising Children?

A list of resources, benefits, and support services available to relatives raising kids.

Education Advocacy Guide for Caregivers- Supporting School Success for Children and Youth in Care

A guide to understanding education advocacy is and what is expected of students from preschool to high school.

Order from DSHS by calling (360) 586-6360 or view online at

www.dshs.wa.gov/kinshipcare/publications.shtml

Books

Black Grandparents as Parents

Dr. Lenora Madison Poe (L.M. Poe, Berkeley, CA, 1992)

Grandparents as Parents

Sylvie deToledo and Deborah Edler Brown (Guilford Press, New York, NY, 1995)

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: A Guide to Finding Help and Hope

Marianne Takas (Brookdale Foundation Group, New York, NY, 1996)

Relatives Raising Children: An Overview of Kinship Care

Joseph Crumbley and Robert L Little (Child Welfare League of America, Inc., 1997)

Robert Lives With His Grandparents

Martha Whitmore Hickman (Albert Whitman & Co., Morton Grove, IL, 1996)

Second Time Around

Joan Callander (Bookpartners, Wilsonville, OR, 1999)

To Grandma's House We...Stay

Sally Houtman, MS (Studio 4 Productions, Northridge, CA, 1999)

The Grandparent Solution

Arthur Kornhaber MD (The Foundation for Grandparenting, rev. 2004)

For more handouts on senior-related topics, please call Senior Information & Assistance at (360) 428-1301 or visit us online at www.nwrcwa.org. Our services are free of charge and confidential.