



County Executive John R. Leopold

Department of Aging and Disabilities

Carol R. Baker, Ph.D.

Director

2666 Riva Road, Suite 400

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

410 222-4464 ext. 3025

<http://www.aacounty.org/Aging>

For Immediate Release

Mary P. Felter, Public Information Officer

410-222-4464, Ext. 3051

mfelter@aacounty.org

Chere Torsiello, Kinship Navigator

410-222-897-3933

ctorsiel@dhr.state.md.us

Kinship Caregivers Support Groups

Annapolis, MD (Nov. 17, 2010) – Are you caring for a niece, nephew, or grandchild in your home in Anne Arundel County? Do you have questions and don't know where to turn? You are not alone. You are among the people in the growing trend of caregivers across the country known as Kinship Care.

Kinship Care is commonly defined as the full-time care, nurturing, and protection of children by relatives or other adults who have a family relationship to the child. It is a growing phenomenon in this country, with about 1 in 10 children living with their grandparents.

A Kinship Caregiver Support Group will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, in the craft room at the Pascal Senior Activity Center, 125 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the training room at the Annapolis Branch of the Anne Arundel County Public Library, 1410 West St.

The Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services has established a Kinship Navigator program to assist family members on a short-term basis to access information and obtain a resource manual. The program is a joint effort of the DSS, the Department of Aging and Disabilities, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Board of Education.

For more information, call Chere Torsiello, Kinship Navigator, at 410-897-3933 or e-mail ctorsiel@dhr.state.md.us. TTY users can call via Maryland Relay at 7-1-1.

- Making Life Better -