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### **Kinship Caregivers Support Group**

Annapolis, MD (Jan. 25, 2011) – Dianne Tinnons-Himes, an independent living coordinator, will talk about “Helping to Cope with Grief and Loss” at a meeting of the Kinship Caregiver Support Group. The group is for those who are providing 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.

The Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 in the craft room at the Pascal Senior Activity Center, 125 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie. It also will meet from 10 to 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Annapolis Library, 1410 West St., Annapolis.

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.

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