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Kinship Caregivers Support Groups

Annapolis, MD (April 27, 2011) A representative from the county Department of Recreation and Parks will talk about the department's Summer Program Guide during two meetings of the Kinship Caregivers Support Group in May. The programs are free and the public can attend either session. The groups are 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.

One Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, in the craft room at the Pascal Senior Activity Center, 125 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie. Another will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Annapolis Library training room, 1410 West St., Annapolis.

The Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services 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. The Navigator will guide participants to resources available to them.

For information or to request services, 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.

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