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CHESTER  
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## CHESTER COUNTY PA GRANDFAMILY SUPPORT GROUP



GrandFamilies are households that are headed by grandparents or other relatives who are sharing their homes with nieces, nephews, grandchildren or other related children. GrandFamilies are also called "Kinship Families".

### THE CHESTER COUNTY PA GRANDFAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

- ▶ Meets on alternate Wednesday evenings in the Spring and Fall.
- ▶ Issues discussed:
  - Financial
  - Legal/Custody
  - Emotional Stress
  - Resources
- ▶ Guest Speakers
- ▶ Activity groups provided for children and teens that run simultaneously with the adult group.

### CHILDREN ACTIVITY GROUPS

- Teens 14-18 years old
- Boys 6-13
- Girls 6-13
- Preschoolers 2-5
- Snacks Provided

Children's activities include: discussions, games, stories, crafts, and guest speakers.

The GrandFamily Group occurs the same evening as the Post Adoption Support Group at the Government Services Center. Children from both support groups are included in the activity programs. We believe that children raised by relatives have similar issues and losses that adopted children have.



Respite Days are occasionally scheduled to provide activities for the children while the grandparents/kinship caregivers have a few hours on a Saturday morning to shop, take a nap, visit a friend, or just read a magazine!

### MEETING LOCATION:

Chester County  
Government Services Center  
601 Westtown Road  
West Chester, PA 19380