



Helping Non-Parent Caregivers Achieve Success Across All of



Expanding Kinship Care Month

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- [Testimony for the Joint Legislative Hearing on Human Services - Improving services for informal kinship caregivers and the children in their care](#)

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County Project Highlight

The NYS County Collaboration Project is funded by the U.S. Children's Bureau. This project seeks to demonstrate that with identification and appropriate connections to supports that improve safety, permanency, and child/caregiver well-being ...

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We can help!

The NYS Kinship Navigator is an information, referral and advocacy program for kinship caregivers in New York State. A kinship caregiver is an individual that is caring for a child that is not biologically

their own. In New York State, there are an estimated 179,000 caregivers, 131,000 of whom are grandparents raising grandchildren. Many others are aunts and uncles.

The Navigator seeks to assist these caregivers by providing information on financial assistance, legal information and referrals, and other types of issues that caregivers face when raising children in order to provide stability and permanency in the home. Call us today for more information!

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KINSHIP CARE IN NYS ²⁰¹⁴

Any non-parent caregiver, including grandparents, relatives, and even family friends, who provides full time care for children in their home is a kinship caregiver. There are two basic types of kinship caregivers: those who are not foster parents and those who are foster parents.





Number of Children in Kinship Care

It is estimated that in NYS there are 218,513 non-parent caregivers. In New York City alone, over 114,650 adults are non-parent caregivers.

Percent of Families Not Receiving Assistance

The majority of kinship caregivers do not receive assistance. % not receiving assistance:

New York State	89%
New York City	91%
Monroe County	84%
Ulster County	84%
Broome County	78%

Informal Kinship Care Saves \$

Average cost of formal foster care:
\$21,535 per year/per child

Average cost of informal kinship care:
\$6,490 per year/per child

"N Docket" Custody

There is also a third group of kinship caregivers who are not foster parents but who care for children pursuant to a court proceeding started by the local department of social services. In New York, such placements with a relative are termed "N Docket" kinship placements.



1,590 "N Docket" placements in NYS

381 "N Docket" placements in NYC



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