

## Local Resources:

El Centro De Servicios  
Sociales

2800 Pearl Ave (2nd Floor)  
Lorain, Ohio 44055  
(440) 277-8235

United Way of Greater  
Lorain County

-First call For Help-

Dial: 211 or 1-800-275-6106

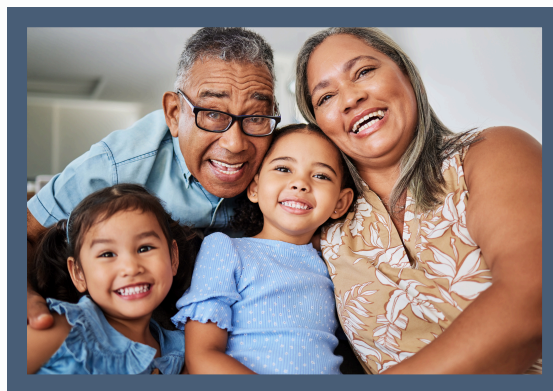


## Visit Us

534 Abbe Road South  
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# Kinship Care

# About Us

Kindship Care is an initiative by the State of Ohio to actively address the needs of our older citizens or other relatives who may be raising a grandchild or other relative.

In 1998, the University of Cincinnati was commissioned by the State to perform a needs assessment of grandparents and other relative caregivers. Their findings indicated that grandparents are actively involved in raising grandchildren in 10% of households with children. One out of four of these households, had grandparents as sole providers and the numbers are growing.



# You are not alone

If you or someone you know has taken on the responsibilities of raising a grandchild or other relative, our Kinship program is here to assist the best way we can.



## Types of Caregivers:

Custodial-Legal custody is granted. The caregiver takes on responsibility of daily care with sole responsibility for the care of the child(ren).

Living With-The parent lives with the child. The caregiver is there for economic and emotional support without legal recourse in determining what is best for the child.

Daycare-This is the more traditional role where the grandparent provides routing care, and the child does not reside in the caregiver's household.

# Our Services

We are here to serve you as a Service Link, Coordinator, Source of information, or Advocate for Grandparents and Relative Caregivers. We may also be able to link you to:

- Childcare
- Educational Services
- Legal Services
- Medical Programs
- Mental Health Services
- Respite Services
- Transportation
- Food Pantry (Call for information)

**Call in and ask about our:**

Support & Educational Groups  
**(440) 326-4800**

**Info about Financial Benefits!**