



PRESS RELEASE

Michigan Kinship Care Coalition hosts 3rd Annual Kinship Care Symposium

Pontiac, MI, August 22, 2024 – The Michigan Kinship Care Coalition (MKCC) is excited to announce its 3rd annual Kinship Care Symposium on Friday, September 20th, from 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. via Zoom. The Michigan Kinship Care Coalition is made up of multiple organizations, including [OLHSA](#). This all-day, virtual day of learning will provide information for those responsible for their young kin and give those in similar circumstances the opportunity to share stories.

The symposium is happening during Kinship Care Month, and whether you support the kinship care population in your work, in general, or are raising a grandchild or another relative's children we hope you will consider joining in for this day of learning. In Michigan, 54,000 children are being raised by kin with no parent present. Learn more at www.grandfamilies.org.

"It's a great way to celebrate the lived experiences of those who sacrifice, and give so much of themselves, to provide caregiving for the younger generations of family in times of need," says Lisa Bica Grodsky, Program Operations Manager at OLHSA and an MKCC founder and Steering Committee member focusing on communication and mobilizing the field work groups.

Pre-registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Register here: <https://bit.ly/KinshipCareSymposium2024>.

OLHSA offers a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) program that provides free services to grandparents or other relatives who reside in the same home as related children in kinship care in Oakland, Livingston, and Macomb Counties. The program includes workshops, support groups, and intergenerational activities. You can visit <https://bit.ly/3X5Fh1n> to learn more.

Learn more about the Michigan Kinship Care Coalition here: <https://www.facebook.com/MichiganKCC/>.

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