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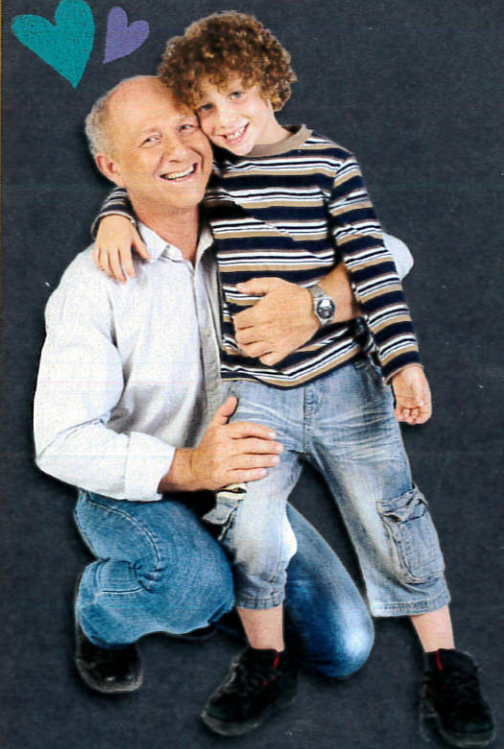
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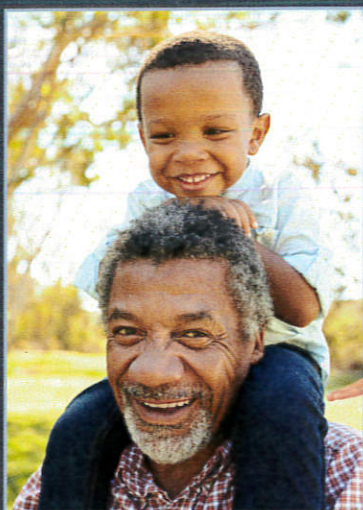
GRANDPARENTS



A HANDY GUIDE FOR



RESOURCES



LEGAL AND ADOPTION

PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

www.pabar.org/site/For-the-Public/Find-a-Lawyer
Phone: 1-800-932-0311

The Pennsylvania Bar Association provides lawyer referrals and information on local Bar Associations.

PA LAW HELP

www.palawhelp.org
E-mail: palawhelp@palegalaid.net
PA LAW HELP provides free information on a variety of civil legal issues including adoption, guardianship and custody. You can find information about legal proceedings and use the website's interactive tool (LawHelp Interactive) to fill out necessary forms and documents.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGAL AID NETWORK

www.palegalaid.net
Phone: 1-800-322-7572
The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network connects individuals and families who meet income requirements to local Legal Aid programs that can assist them with legal matters.



STATEWIDE ADOPTION NETWORK (SWAN)

www.adoptpakids.org
Phone: 1-800-585-7926
E-mail: swanhelpline@diakon-swano.org
Administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, SWAN offers a network of resources and/or information for families and children going through the adoption, custody and guardianship processes. With regard to Kinship families, they offer a variety of post-permanency services such as support groups and referrals to local family centers.

GRANDFAMILIES.ORG

www.grandfamilies.org
Grandfamilies.org is a national legal resource that provides information to grandparents as they navigate the legal aspect of caregiving.

Their website offers a searchable database of laws and pending legislation of importance to grandfamilies, as well as resource guides to guardianship, custody, foster care, financial assistance and contact information for local bar associations.



RESOURCES CAREGIVER

COUNTY ASSISTANCE OFFICES AND COMPASS

www.dhs.pa.gov

www.compass.state.pa.us

Phone: 1-800-692-7462 or

TTY/TDD 1-800-451-5886

County Assistance Offices can help Pennsylvanians identify and apply for available benefits such as the *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)*, *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)*, *Child Care Works* and the *Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*. Residents can also search for benefits using COMPASS, which is an online tool that allows users to find out what benefits they qualify for and apply for those benefits online.

AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

www.aging.pa.gov

Phone: 1-800-753-8827

Provides contact information for your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA). Some AAA's offer a Caregiver or Grandparent Support Program which can provide resources, support groups and financial assistance to grandparents raising their grandchildren.

FIND YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

www.ssa.gov

Phone: 1-800-772-1213, TTY: 1-800-325-0778

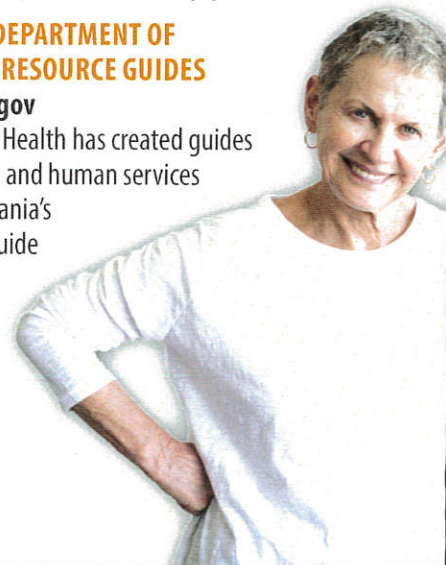
You can search for your local Social Security Office and contact them to determine if you or your grandchildren are eligible for any additional benefits. Find your local Social Security Office at this link:

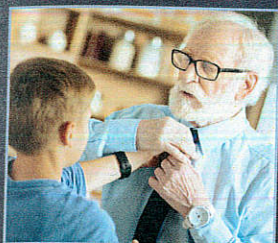
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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COUNTY RESOURCE GUIDES

www.health.pa.gov

The Department of Health has created guides for available health and human services in each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. Each guide contains resources for children with special needs, health insurance, housing and more.





UNITED WAY OF PENNSYLVANIA

www.uwp.org

Phone: 211 or 717-238-7365

By dialing 211, you are connected with a United Way operator who has access to a database of health and human services resources available in local areas. These services include support groups, counseling centers, relevant non-profit organizations and more.

SPECIAL KIDS NETWORK

www.health.pa.gov

Phone: 1-800-986-4550

The Special Kids Network offers a wealth of resources for children and youth with special needs or physical disabilities. The Network offers referrals to local resources, in-home coordination services and systematic support for families.

PA FAMILIES

www.PaFamiliesInc.org

Phone: 1-800-947-4941

E-mail: info@pafamiliesinc.org

PA Families is a non-profit that offers a database of resources for families caring for children with emotional, behavioral or special needs. You can find resources by searching for your county and/or the type of services you are seeking.



GRANDFAMILIES FACT SHEET

www.grandfamilies.org

This fact sheet includes information on a number of programs throughout Pennsylvania designed to support grandparents as they raise their grandchildren.



PA FAMILY SUPPORT ALLIANCE

www.pa-fsa.org

Phone: 1-800-448-4906

The PA Family Support Alliance is a non-profit that provides education, support and training to help ensure the safety of children throughout Pennsylvania. The website includes many parenting resources as well as information on events they frequently hold in different communities throughout the state.

BEREAVEMENT RESOURCE GUIDE

www.elunanetwork.org/assets/guides/BereavementResourceGuide_Pennsylvania.pdf

This resource guide includes information about Pennsylvania organizations available to help children and families affected by grief and addiction.

PENNSYLVANIA CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/childwelfareservices/

Phone: 1-800-932-0313

Pennsylvania's Child Welfare services include information and contact info for county Children and Youth offices, local family centers, and resources for preventing child abuse and neglect.

PENN STATE'S KINSHIP NAVIGATOR

www.aese.psu.edu/extension/intergenerational/program-areas/kinship/programs

As a part of Penn State's Intergenerational Program, the Kinship Care Locator is an online database of resources for kinship caregivers. You can find relevant resources by selecting your county of interest.