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GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

NEWSLETTER MAY, 2022

NEW RESOURCE ADVOCATE!

Hello! Most of us have spoken on the phone or by email and I'm excited to get to know all of you.

As the new Resource Advocate—Caregiver Services, I am always here to offer encouragement, practical resources, and any help I can as you do the vitally important—and selfless—work of raising beloved children.



Please contact me, Jeannette Matthews at 734-971-9781 ext 511 if you have any questions, want to share ideas or suggestions for the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program, or just to have a conversation. Your information and anything discussed is always kept confidential.

Support Group Meetings

In-person meetings resume! During the first meeting, we'll get acquainted, discuss topics for future meetings, and as always, learn from one another! Can't make a particular session? Come to the ones you can!

Mondays

10:00-11:30 AM

May 9, 16, 23

June 6



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Ann Arbor, MI 48108

GRANDPARENTS RESPITE CARE OPPORTUNITY

GRANDFAMILIES NEED A BREAK!

Through December, 2022, the Ypsilanti Senior Center is offering financial assistance to send your grandchild(ren) to enrichment programs, such as music or art lessons, even summer camp activities (see next page).

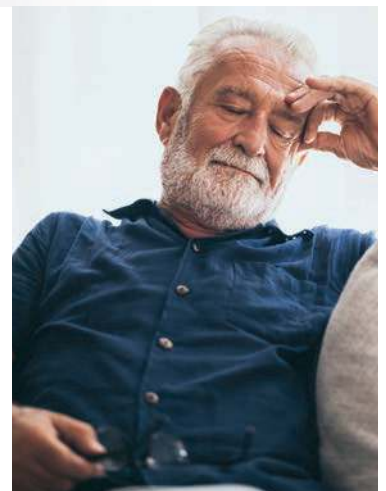
For more information, contact:

Ypsilanti Senior Center

1015 N Congress Street

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

734-483-5014





SUMMER ACTIVITIES



SUMMER FAMILY CONFERENCE

FACILITATED BY
DR. KATHLEEN BUSH

Attachment and Bonding
MAY 13, 2022 6:00 PM-9:00 PM.

Parenting Skills for Children with Challenging Behaviors
MAY 14, 2022 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

This two-day, free virtual conference is intended for Kinship, Foster, Adoptive, and Guardianship Families to expand understanding of trauma and how it impacts the children we parent.

Participants will receive certificates after each session completed. Although recommended, it's not required to participate in both sessions.

Dr. Kathleen Bush, Ph.D., LCPC oversees The Baby Fold's Adoption Support Services. She has a master's degree in counseling from Bradley University and a doctoral degree from Chicago School of Professional Psychology—International Psychology: Trauma Services track. She possesses a vast array of training, including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Attachment Self-Regulation and Competency, Theraplay, Bruce Perry's Neuro-Sequential Model of Therapeutics, and much more.



Judson Center

DAY CAMPS

Many day-camp and week-long camp opportunities are offered through Washtenaw county Parks and Recreation.

Independence Lake Day Camp

www.washtenaw.org/436/Day-Camp

Merri Lou Murray Rec Center Day Camp

www.washtenaw.org/528/Summer-Day-Camp

Rolling Hills County Park

www.washtenaw.org/623/Summer-Day-Camp

Ypsilanti Play Camps

www.washtenaw.org/2824/Playground-Camp

8 weeks at:

Christian Love Fellowship Church

New Covenant Church

Grace Fellowship Community Center

Camp Big Heart

Meri Lou Murray Rec Center

For ages 13 to 30 with minor cognitive impairment.

Call Alyson Kindall

734-971-6355 ext 205

kindalla@washtenaw.org

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation

Phone: 734-971-6337 | www.washtenaw.org

Summer Job Opportunities for Ages 15 & Up

www.washtenaw.org/660/Job-Opportunities



HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Late on mortgage payments due to Covid-19?

Michigan was allotted relief money by
the Federal Government to help!

To see if you qualify and to apply, go to:
MSHDA - MIHAF (michigan.gov). If you need
assistance or have questions, call Catholic Social
Services of Washtenaw Senior Services at
734-971-9781, ext 309 or ext 511. This
assistance is continued through September, 2022
or until the money runs out.



KINSHIP CARE



www.kinship.msu.edu

Kinship care is the full-time care, nurturing and
protection of children by relatives, members of their
tribes or clans, godparents, stepparents, or any adult who
has a kinship bond with a child (Child Welfare League of
America, 2011).

According to the Kinship Care Resource Center at
Michigan State University, approximately 52,000 children
in Michigan are being raised by relatives.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program
of Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw is here to
connect you with services and support.

You are not alone.

DATES TO NOTE

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8

Support Groups

Monday, May 9

Monday, May 16

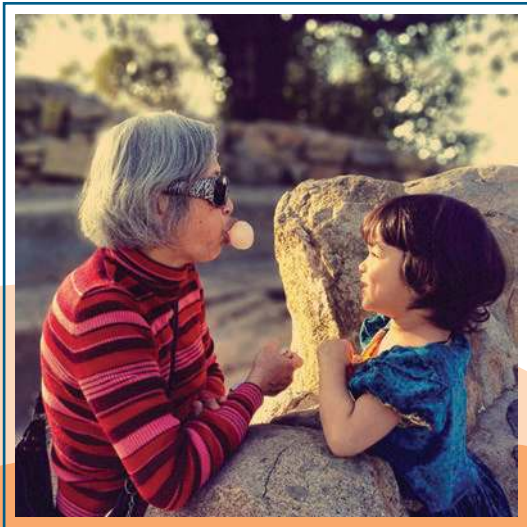
Monday, May 23

Monday, June 6



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a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/parks-places/senior-center

Northfield Township
twp-northfield.org/community_visitors/senior_center

Chelsea
chelseaseniors.org/senior-services/chelsea-community-senior-services-c2s

Pittsfield Township
pittsfield-mi.gov/278/Senior-Center

Milan
milanseniors.org

Saline
salineseniors.org

Ypsilanti
ypsiseniorcenter.org

