

Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition

About Us

The Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition (OGKC) is the statewide organization that advocates for political and social awareness of the issues impacting kinship care providers in Ohio by making recommendations that policy and legislation provide needed supports for kinship families.

OGKC consists of relatives who are raising children whose parents are not able or are unwilling to care for them; professionals working with and for kinship caregivers; and advocates.

Mission

As the statewide organization representing kinship families, OGKC advocates, educates and engages all stakeholders to increase awareness and understanding about the needs of grandparents and other kinship care providers.

Vision

As the voice for grandparents and other kinship care providers in the state of Ohio, ensure that public county children services agencies are implementing the requirement that the first consideration for placement of children who are removed from their parent(s) is with suitable relatives; and to be culturally aware of and sensitive to the needs of the caregivers and the children in order that they thrive while placed in the care of the relative.

Goals

1. Advocate for and improve awareness about the needs and issues of kinship families to initiate and improve legislative and administrative policies which will provide, and increase supports and remove barriers for kinship families.
2. Support the development of and access to resources for kinship families to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of both children and caregivers.
3. Promote and apply research on best practices, national trends and state and local data to improve the understanding of the needs of kinship families.
4. Build our organizational capacity to achieve our mission and vision.