

## Meeting Schedule

August 15, 2011      November 17, 2011  
September 15, 2011      December 5, 2011  
October 27, 2011      January 19, 2012

### Order of Meeting:

- Sign in, new member registration
- Welcome and introductions
- Program
- Shared Group Discussion
- Closing Remarks/Announcements
- Informal Socialization/ One on one discussions

This support group is for grandparents and relative caregivers raising grandchildren; participation is vital to the success of the group. Grandparents participate in selecting the focus of meetings and speakers

All meetings will be held at the NC Cooperative Extension Center, located at

**130 South Post Road in Shelby**, across from Cleveland Community College.

**Meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.**

**Go to: <http://cleveland.ces.ncsu.edu> for more information.**

## Broad River

### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) & Kinship Care Support Group Program

exists to support you!

**Contact information and to  
register, call**

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704-487-0661

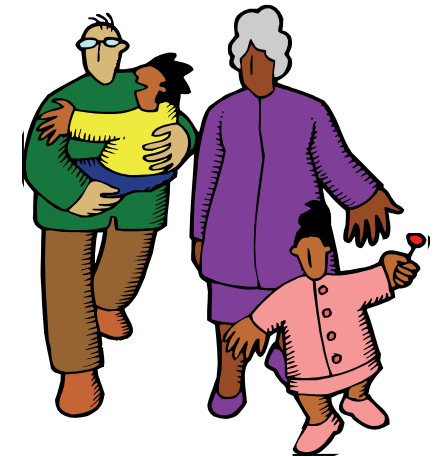


NC Family Caregiver  
Support Program

Completing the Care



# Broad River Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) & Kinship Care Support Group



*Working together to meet  
the challenge...*

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## What is this all about?

U.S. Census 2000 indicates that **4.5 MILLION** children live in grandparent-headed households.

## The Broad River Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) & Kinship Care Support Group

provides education and support to grandparents and relative caregivers by helping families access necessary services, expand support systems, and promote family stability.

### Group Meetings Offer:

- Confidentiality
- Education and information
- Respect for differences
- Sharing time
- Access to services
- Emotional support



## Types of support groups

- **Discussion Group:** Focuses on providing emotional support and allows members to talk about successes and challenges.
- **Educational Group:** Invites experts to address topics that teach and inform members of relevant issues. Books and other resources are available.
- **Advocacy Group:** Works to raise awareness and seek solutions on key issues. It may address laws, policies, and attitudes about the group's major issues.

Broad River Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) & Kinship Care Support Group will offer all three areas of programming. Support group meetings are **free**. **Registration is required for child care at each meeting.**

## What a support group is not:

While a support group can offer emotional support and provide assistance, a support group is not a replacement for:

- **Formal Counseling**
- **Legal Advice**
- **Services that Require Professional Training**

## Child Care

Learning and fun activities will be conducted with children during support group meetings. Grandparents must register so age-appropriate child care can be provided. Activities will be supervised by Cooperative Extension, community volunteers, and agency staff. Children will be offered light snacks.