Meeting Schedule

August 14, 2014  November 20, 2014
September 18, 2014  December 8, 2014
October 23, 2014  January 15, 2015

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

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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.

Contact information and to register, call

Nancy Abasiekong
NC Cooperative Extension
704-482-4365
Fonda Cromer
Cleveland County DSS
704-487-0661

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Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Greg Traywick, County Extension Director, at 704.482.4365 (phone), gbtraywic@ncsu.edu (e-mail), 704.480.6484 (fax), or in person at the County Extension Office at least 14 days prior to the event.
Broad River Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) & Kinship Care Support Group

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

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.