

Meeting Schedule – 2017/2018

No July Meeting August - TBA
September 21 October 19
November 16 December - TBA
January 2018 – No Meeting

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.

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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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Broad River Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) & Kinship Care Support Group 2017



*Working together to meet
the challenge...*

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), greg_traywick@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 2010 indicates that **7.8 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.