

All 2018 Regional Workshops  
For Grandparents Raising Grandchildren



The Commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren invites grandparents and kinship caregivers to attend any of the following regional workshops throughout Massachusetts. The workshops are approximately three hours long and include a guest speaker at each workshop who will cover a topic important to relative caregivers. Presentations will be followed by an information panel, which includes representatives from agencies who work with grandparents raising grandchildren such as DTA, DCF, Masshealth, WIC, Elder Services, and more.

**Registration is required!**

**Newton 9/11/18 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Location: The West Suburban YMCA  
276 Church Street Newton, Ma.

Guest Speaker:

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan

Topic: Internet Safety

*\*\* Limited Child care is available for this workshop.*

*Indicate child care needed during registration*

**No. Attleboro 9/18/18 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Location: No. Attleboro Hockomock YMCA  
300 Elmwood Street No. Attleboro, Ma.

Guest Speaker: Kathleen McAleer, Cranberry Hospice

Topic: Helping Children Cope with Grief and Loss

*\*Limited child care available for this workshop.*

*Indicate child care needed during registration*

**Lynn 9/27/18 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Location: The Gregg House After-School Program  
106 Broad Street Lynn, Ma.

Guest Speaker: Karen MacDonald, AdCare

Topic: Setting Boundaries with Loved Ones

*\*\*This workshop will be presented in*

*English and Spanish.*

**Turner's Falls 10/9/18 10:00a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Location: The United Arc  
294 Avenue A Turner's Falls, Ma.

Guest Speaker: The Federation for Children with Special Needs

Topic: Accessing Special Education Resources

**Dorchester 10/25/18 9:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m.**

Location: The Thelma Burns Building, ABCD  
575 Warren Street Boston, Ma.

Guest Speaker: Deborah Dowd-Foley,  
Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc.

Topic: Taking Care of the Caregiver

**Fitchburg 11/9/18 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Location: MOC Fitchburg Family Resource Center  
356 Broad Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Fitchburg, Ma.

Guest Speaker: Montachusett Suicide Prevention Task Force

Topic: Suicide Awareness

*\*Limited child care available for this workshop.*

*Indicate child care needed during registration*

*\*\*This workshop will be presented in English and Spanish.*

**Westfield 11/13/18 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Location: Westfield Senior Center 45 Noble Street Westfield, Ma.

Guest Speaker: Deidre Hussey, Bay Path Health

Topic: How Trauma Impacts Children

*\*Limited child care available for this workshop.*

**To register please**  
**contact the Commission:**

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