

Kinship care, as defined by the United Nations, is 'familybased care within the child's extended family or close friends of the family known to the child, whether formal or informal in nature'. **Some Helpful Contacts**

Hunter Community Legal Centre Ph: 4040 9123 www.hunterclc.org.au

Family Assistance Office Dedicated Grandparent Worker Ph:1800 245 965 or Ph: 13 61 50 www.familyassist.gov.au

Carers NSW Ph: 02 9289 4280 ww.carersnsw.org.au

My Forever Family Ph: 1300 782 972 www.myforeverfamily.org.au

Raising Children - The Australian Parenting Website www.raisingchildren.net.au

Children and Parenting Support Program

Kinship Care Casework





Kinship Care Groups and Regions

Samaritans

Our Kinship Care service can assist any kinship/relative carers and their families.



Samaritans Foundation – Diocese of Newcastle The welfare arm of the Anglican Church in the Hunter, Manning and Central Coast.

Ph: 02 4960 7100 www.samaritans.org.au

How can we help?

We support relative and Kinship Carers with:

- Attending support groups we can come with you.
- Information and advice
- Short-term casework
- Linking up with other services such as Centrelink, support groups, child care, schools and other services.
- Programs to support children and young people

Newcastle & Lake Macquarie Region Groups

Case Manager and Facilitator Support Worker, Sue Walker Ph: 0429 066 315 Kahibah

Wednesdays

Newcastle East /West Mondays

Toronto Thursdays

Coalfields Region Groups

Case Manager and Facilitator Support Worker, Samantha Elliot Ph: 0439 593 984

Cessnock Tuesdays Singleton Thursdays Kurri Kurri Mondays

Hunter Region Groups

Case Manager and Facilitator Support Worker, Heather Robinson Ph: 0429 914 553 East Maitland Tuesdays Anna Bay Wednesdays Raymond Terrace Fridays

Please contact your case manager for meeting times and locations.



