

Kinship Carer Support

What the service can offer

Referral to appropriate agencies such as:

- Health
- Housing
- Legal Support
- Centrelink
- Schools
- Youth
- Disability



A free information DVD titled Raising Others Children which is designed to help Kinship Carers is available by calling 0429 914 553 or by emailing kinshipcare@samaritans.org.au

Samaritans is one of Australia's largest regional welfare organisations, providing a wide range of services for children, youth, families and those with a disability in the Hunter, Central Coast and Manning regions.

Samaritans is focused on building community, developing connections between clients and services, clients and families, and clients and the community.

Our aim is to provide a quality, professional caring service.

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A support service for anyone caring for children who are not biologically their own.

For further information on Kinship Carer Support:
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Are you raising someone else's children or know someone who is?

Help is available
Kinship Carer Support
Support groups meet weekly.
No cost involved.

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Who are Kinship Carers?

- Grandparents
- Aunts/Uncles
- Brothers/Sisters
- Friends
- Neighbours

There are many reasons why someone may become a Kinship Carer and there are a range of support services available.

Workshops

Samaritans Kinship Carer Support Service provides a number of workshops on carer issues such as:

- Childhood development and learning
- Grief management
- Coping skills
- Schooling issues
- Respite care
- Dealing with drug and alcohol issues
- Accessing legal assistance

Kinship Care Support provides...

- confidential referrals and information.
- Information on payments and income supplements, as well as agencies able to provide practical assistance.
- Access to groups of kinship carers for support and social networking.
- How to access child care.
- Referrals to Financial Counselling.
- Information on your Rights as carers.
- Information on access to services such as transport, school and sport.
- Information and referrals for help with parenting duties and children's behaviour.