



**Supporting Grandparents, Kin and Families
Who are Raising Children in Bucks County**

BASIC NEEDS & SITUATIONS YOU MAY NEED HELP WITH...



Food

- **Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)** – If your grandchild is on state insurance, you will qualify for WIC, regardless of income.
- **Food Stamps** are acquired through COMPASS: www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/COMPASS.aspx
- **School Meals** – If your grandchild is on state insurance, he or she will qualify for free breakfast and lunch at school.



Insurance

COMPASS will direct you to Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) based on income. If you are raising a child who is not your own, your income will not be included, and the child will then qualify for Medicaid.



Custody Issues

A lengthy custody battle and court-ordered counseling can be very expensive. Depending on your income, you may be eligible for reduced legal fees. Try calling the Bucks County Bar Association or Legal Aid of Southeastern PA to see if you qualify.



Children & Youth

At times, parents and grandparents may not be on the best terms, and supervision of visits between parents and children may be difficult. If your son or daughter are involved with Children & Youth, it may be helpful for you to have casework support when your grandchild visits with Mom or Dad.



Restaurants

- Some play areas do not require food purchase.
- “Kids Eat Free” on certain days of the week.



Activities, Classes & Camps

Check with your local townships, churches, YMCAs, businesses or Salvation Army for availability.



Playgrounds & Libraries

A great place for kids and adults to socialize! Libraries also have free activities and story times.



Benefits & Discounts

- ACCESS Cards (state insurance) offer benefits and discounts, such as discounted museum tickets. Visit www.art-reach.org for a list of accessible opportunities.
- Movie theaters offer discounts on tickets, especially in the summer.



Social Media

Facebook groups offer support, resources and other recommended activities.

Important Contact Information

KinConnector Helpline - 1-800-KIN-2111

A kinship navigator program for Pennsylvanians that acts as a bridge that helps families gain access to local, state and federal resources. Available Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 10 pm and Friday, 9 am - 5 pm.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

- Upper Bucks - 215-529-7482
- Central Bucks - 215-345-3494
- Lower Bucks - 267-580-3570

COMPASS

1-800-692-7462

Children and Youth Social Services Agency

215-348-6900

Legal Aid of Southeastern PA

Doylestown - 215-340-1818 | Bristol - 215-781-1111

BCARES Family Connect

A group of family members who all have a loved one with a substance use disorder. Available to provide support and resources to families 24/7, either by telephone, text, email or in person. Email BCARESFamilyConnect@gmail.com.

Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.

215-444-2700 | www.bcdac.org