



# ***Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups in Illinois***

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**Planning and Service Area 01** — Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, JoDaviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago Counties  
**Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging**  
 1-800-542-8402 (9 counties only), 815-226-4901  
 www.nwilaaa.org

County(ies) Served	Site
Boone County	<b>Boone County Council on Aging</b> 2141 Henry Luckow Lane Belvidere, Illinois 61008-3732 815-544-9893 Contact: Pam Oberholtzer
Carroll County	<b>Carroll County Senior Services</b> 306 North Main Street, Box 45 Mount Carroll, Illinois 61053 815-244-1800 Contact: Dorthea Rahn
Jo Daviess County	<b>Hanover Park District</b> For information call the Stephenson County Senior Center 815-235-9777
Stephenson County	<b>St. John United Church of Christ</b> 1010 South Park Blvd. Freeport, Illinois 61032 815-599-7343 Contact: Carol Morrisett
Whiteside County	<b>Whiteside County Senior Center</b> 1207 West 9th Street Sterling, Illinois 61081 815-626-7707
Winnebago County	<b>Rockford Housing Authority</b> 226 South Winnebago Rockford, Illinois 61104 815-961-3176 Contact: Beulah Tripplett
	<b>Zion Lutheran Church</b> 925 Fifth Avenue Rockford, Illinois 61103 815-964-4609, ext. #21 Contact: Jeanne Thomas

**Planning and Service Area 02** — DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties  
**Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging**  
 1-800-528-2000, 815-939-0727 or 630-293-5990  
 Web: [www.ageguide.org](http://www.ageguide.org)

County(ies) Served	Site
DuPage County	<b>Metropolitan Family Services/DuPage</b> 222 East Willow Avenue Wheaton, Illinois 60187 630-784-4839 Contact: Kelly Reid
Lake County	<b>Waukegan Township</b> 414 South Lewis Avenue Waukegan, Illinois 60085 847-244-9242 Contact: Cheri White
Will County	<b>Senior Services Center of Will County</b> 251 North Center Street Joliet, Illinois 60435 815-723-9713 Contact: Jennie Piper

**Planning and Service Area 03** — Bureau, Henderson, Henry, Knox, LaSalle, McDonough,  
Mercer, Putnam, Rock Island, and Warren Counties  
**Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging**  
1-800-322-1051 (I & A), 309-793-6800  
Web: [www.wiaaa.org](http://www.wiaaa.org)

**Site**

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

1518 Fifth Avenue  
Moline, Illinois 61265  
309-277-0167

**Planning and Service Area 04** — Fulton, Marshall, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties  
**Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc.**  
 1-877-777-2422, 309-674-2071  
 Web: www.ciaoa.com

<b>County(ies) Served</b>	<b>Site</b>
Marshall, Peoria and Stark Counties	<b>Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.</b> 700 Hamilton Boulevard Peoria, Illinois 61603 309-674-2071 Contact: Joanne Thomas
Tazewell County	<b>Pekin Intergenerational Network</b> <b>The Miller Center</b> 551 South 14th Street Pekin, Illinois 61554 309-346-5210 Contact: Marsha Mancini

**Planning and Service Area 05** — Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, McLean, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Shelby, and Vermilion Counties

**East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.**

1-800-888-4456 (I & A) (*Sixteen county area only.*), 309-829-2065

Web: [www.eciaaa.org](http://www.eciaaa.org)

County(ies) Served	Site
Champaign County	<p><b>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren</b>            908 South Prospect            Champaign, Illinois 61820            217-351-1748            Contact: Lynda Gritten</p>
	<p><b>R.O.C.K. Raising Our Children's Kids</b>  <b>Stevick Senior Center</b>            48 East Main Street            Champaign, Illinois 61820            217-344-1165            Contact: Loretha Harmon</p>
Clark County	<p><b>GrandParents Raising Grandchildren Support Group</b>            217-460-0351            Contact: Anne Cutright</p>
Edgar County	<p><b>Chester P. Sutton Community Center</b>            256 West Court Street            Paris, Illinois 61944            217-463-2009            Contact: Ashley Christenberry</p>
McLean County	<p><b>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren</b>  <b>Children's Home &amp; Aid Society (CHASI)</b>            403 South State            Bloomington, Illinois 61701            309-828-4265            Contact: Aderien McPherren            Contact: Mendy Smith</p>
Macon County	<p><b>Family Ties (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren)</b>  <b>Webster-Cantrell Hall</b>            1942 E Cantrell            Decatur, Illinois            217-432-6961            Contact: Kathy Shaw</p>
	<p><b>Relatives as Caregivers Support Group</b>  <b>University of Illinois Extension</b>            2535 Millikin Parkway            Decatur, Illinois 62526            217-877-6042            Contact: Teresa Easterly-Adams</p>

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Moultrie County	<b>Mid-Illinois Senior Services, Inc.</b> 114 East Jefferson Sullivan, Illinois 61951 217-728-8521 Contact: Kim Adamson
Piatt County	<b>Grandparents 4 Kids</b> 516 South Park Street Monticello, Illinois 61856 217-762-2826 Contact: Becky Perry
Vermilion County	<b>Community Research, Resource, Information and Services for Seniors, Inc., (CRIS) Senior Service Center</b> 309 North Franklin Street Danville, Illinois 61832 217-443-2999 Contact: Deanna Wheeler Contact: Anne Goodwin

**Planning and Service Area 06** — Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler  
Counties  
**West Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging**  
1-800-252-9027 (I & A) (Voice & TTY), 217-223-7904

There are no support groups in this area at this time.



**Planning and Service Area 07** — Cass, Christian, Greene, Jersey, Logan, Macoupin, Mason, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Sangamon, and Scott Counties  
**Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland, Inc.**  
 1-800-252-2918 (I & A) (217, 309, and 618 area codes only),  
 217-787-9234 (Voice & TTY)  
 Web: www.aginglinc.org

<b>County(ies) Served</b>	<b>Site</b>
Logan County	<b>The Oasis Senior Center</b> 501 Pulaski Street Lincoln, Illinois 62656 217-732-6132 Contact: Dominic Dalpoas
Mason County	<b>University of Illinois Extension</b> 133 South High Street P.O. Box 170 Havana, Illinois 62644 309-543-3308 Contact: Mary Evans
Morgan and Scott Counties	<b>University of Illinois Extension</b> 104 North Westgate Avenue Jacksonville, Illinois 62650 217-243-7424 Contact: Diane G. Ryals
Sangamon County	<b>The Parent Place</b> 314 South Grand Avenue West Springfield, Illinois 62704 217-546-5257 Contact: Christi Clifton

**Planning and Service Area 08** — Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, and Washington Counties  
**Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois**  
 1-800-326-3221, 618-222-2561  
 Web: www.answersonaging.com

County(ies) Served	Site
Madison County	<p><b>Behavioral Health Alternatives</b>            337 East Ferguson            Wood River, Illinois 62095            618-251-5308, ext. 1401            Contact: Diana Shay</p>
	<p><b>Children’s Home and Aid Society (CHASI)</b>            907 Martin Luther King Suite C            East St. Louis, Illinois 62201-1704            618-452-8900, ext. 112            ldurzo@chasi.org            Contact: Lisa Durzo</p>
	<p><b>First Baptist Church of Maryville</b>            7110 State Route 162            Maryville, Illinois 62062            618-877-4420, ext. 3031            Contact: Pat Wandling</p>
Randolph County	<p><b>Northwestern Randolph County Senior Services, Inc.</b>            500 West Second Street            Sparta, Illinois 62286            618-443-4020            Contact: Tammy Williams</p>
St. Clair County	<p><b>Bread of Life Christian Church</b>            1830 Summit Ave            East St. Louis, Illinois 62220            618-271-7370</p>
	<p><b>Southwestern Illinois College</b>            201 North Church Street            Belleville, Illinois 62220            618-234-4410, ext. 7047            Contact: Susan Pflug</p>

**Planning and Service Area 09** — Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Jefferson, and Marion Counties  
**Midland Area Agency on Aging**  
 1-877-532-1853, 618-532-1853  
 Web: [www.midlandaaa.org](http://www.midlandaaa.org)

<b>County(ies) Served</b>	<b>Site</b>
Effingham County	<b>Effingham County Senior Center</b> 209 South Merchant Effingham, Illinois 68401 217-347-5569 Contact: Nancy Nelson
Jefferson County	<b>Jefferson County Senior Services</b> 409 Harrison Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864 618-242-3505 Contact: Mary Cramer
Marion County	<b>Marion County Senior Services</b> 120 East Green Street Centralia, Illinois 62801 618-533-4300 Contact: Kay Crooks

**Planning and Service Area 10** — Crawford, Edwards, Hamilton, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, and White Counties  
**Southeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.**  
 1-800-635-8544 (618 area code only), 618-262-2306

County(ies) Served	Site
Hamilton County	<p>Hamilton County School District #10            204 West Cherry Street            McLeansboro, Illinois 62859            618-643-2328, ext. 3            Contact: Janice Crow</p>
Richland County	<p><b>East Richland Elementary School</b>            1001 North Holly Road            Olney, Illinois 62450            618-395-8540            Contact: Jackie Houchin            Contact: Sarah Britton</p>

**Planning and Service Area 11** — Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, and Williamson Counties

**Egyptian Area Agency on Aging, Inc.**

1-888-895-3306, 618-985-8311

Web: [www.egyptianaaa.org](http://www.egyptianaaa.org)

<b>County(ies) Served</b>	<b>Site</b>
Massac County	<b>Reaching Out for Kids and Youth of Massac County</b> 401 Fery Street, Suite 103 Metropolis, Illinois 62960 618-524-4221 Contact: Doris Vogt
Union County	<b>Downstate Educational Assistance Program</b> 115 North Main, Suite B Anna, Illinois 62906 618-833-7678 Contact: Jackie Blackman

**Planning and Service Area 12** — City of Chicago

**Chicago Department of Senior Services**

312-744-4016

Web: <http://egov.cityofchicago.org/aging>

**11 sites in the city of Chicago**

<p><b>Chicago Department on Aging Southeast (Atlas) Regional Center</b> 1767 East 79th Street Chicago, Illinois 60649 773-239-8501 Contact: Lisa Wilkerson</p>	<p><b>Metropolitan Family Services – Calumet Center</b> 235 East 103rd Street Chicago, Illinois 60628 773-371-3633 Contact: Virginia Lawton Boller</p>
<p><b>Community Mental Health Council</b> 8704 South Constance Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60617 773-734-4033, ext. 178 Contact: Dr. Lynne Mock</p>	<p><b>Metropolitan Family Services – Midway</b> 3843 West 63rd Street Chicago, Illinois 60629 773-884-2227 Contact: Jean Xoubi</p>
<p><b>GrandFamilies Program of Chicago</b> 400 West 76th Street, Suite 120 Chicago, Illinois 60620 773-651-8800 Contact: Linette Kinchen</p>	<p><b>Child Serv Central West Regional Center</b> 2101 West Ogden Avenue Chicago, Illinois 773-239-8501 Contact: Lisa Wilkerson</p>
<p><b>Lutheran Social Services</b> 1850 West Garfield Chicago, Illinois 60609 773-476-1452 Contact: Marilyn Hammond</p>	<p><b>West Englewood Group Gethsemane Church of God in Christ</b> 6959 South Elizabeth Chicago, Illinois 773-651-8800 Contact: Linette Kinchen</p>
<p><b>Family Focus – Lawndale</b> 3517 West Arthington, Suite 108 Chicago, Illinois 60624 773-722-5057 Contact: Irma Canales</p>	<p><b>Englewood Group</b> 653 West 63rd Street Chicago, Illinois 773-651-8800 Contact: Linette Kinchen</p>
<p><b>Auburn Gresham Group</b> 1550 West 88th Street, 1st Floor (Red Cross Office) Chicago, Illinois 773-239-8501 Contact: Lisa Wilkerson</p>	

**Planning and Service Area 13** — Suburban Cook County

**AgeOptions, Inc.**

1-800-699-9043 (*Suburban Cook County area only.*), 708-383-0258

Web: [www.ageoptions.org](http://www.ageoptions.org)

<b>Area Served</b>	<b>Site</b>
Bloom	<b>Bloom Township</b> 425 South Halstead Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411 708-754-9400 Contact: Corrine Fox
Blue Island, Dalton, Markham, Riverdale, Robbins and South Holland	<b>Riverdale Youth and Community Services</b> 13725 South Wabash Avenue Riverdale, Illinois 60827-9975 708-849-2813, ext. 5555 (Grandparent Line) Contact: Myrna Watkins Thompson
Cook County	<b>Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School</b> <b>Harvey School District #152</b> 14741 Wallace Harvey, Illinois 60426 708-333-6390 Contact: Deb Love
	<b>Jewish Children's Bureau</b> 300 Revere Drive Northbrook, Illinois 60062 Contact: Tammie Besser 1-847-412-4357
	<b>Turning Point</b> 8324 Skokie Blvd. Skokie, Illinois 60077 847-933-0051
Evanston and Skokie	<b>Evanston/Skokie Valley Senior Services</b> 840 Dodge Avenue Evanston, Illinois 60202 847-864-3721 Contact: Mary Signatur
LaGrange	<b>Southwest Suburban Center on Aging</b> 111 West Harris Avenue LaGrange, Illinois 60525 708-354-1323, ext 28 Contact: Mindy Jannega
Oak Park	<b>Oak Park Hospital</b> <b>"Age Wise"</b> 520 South Maple Oak Park, Illinois 60304-1097 708-660-2005 Contact: Adrian Charniak

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