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## Kinship Websites

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# Maine Parenting Relatives Mental Health and Substance Abuse Project

*A Generations United-Funded Project*

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### Kinship Websites

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*(The first two web addresses are Maine organizations)*

[www.affm.net](http://www.affm.net)

The website for Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine. This organization offers support services for kinship families as well as adoptive and foster families.

[www.kinshipconnections.org/index.html](http://www.kinshipconnections.org/index.html)

Family Connections from Bangor, Maine sponsors this site. They provide support groups and help to relatives raising children throughout the state. Their information is geared to Maine families.

[http:// adoption. about .com](http://adoption.about.com)

Yes there is information about adoption here. There is also much relevant information for Kin who are caring for children as well as information on subsidized guardianship and other legal matters. Here you can find out about stepparent, kinship, and grandparent adoption.

[www.aarp.org/grandparetns](http://www.aarp.org/grandparetns)

The American Association for Retired People has a special section of its websites devoted grandparents and kinship care. The AARP is geared toward people fifty years old regardless of whether you are retired or actively working.

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/>

This is the site of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Put the word kinship into the Search box and you will be directed to many articles about kinship.

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/hsp/kinr2c00/>

The Department of Health and Human Services report to Congress on using kin as foster parents.

[www.cwla.org/programs/kinship](http://www.cwla.org/programs/kinship)

The Child Welfare League of America offers good information on kinship care as well as other child and family information.

[www.fkce.net/](http://www.fkce.net/)

This website sponsored by Amador and El Dorado Counties in California has useful information and links to resources that will be beneficial wherever you live. Be sure to click on the link to "The Grieving child in Care".

[www.gu.org/index.html](http://www.gu.org/index.html)

This A-1 site by Generation United is dedicated to intergeneration policy and programs. Here is wonderful information for grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone raising a relative's child.

[www.jrf.org.uk/home.asp](http://www.jrf.org.uk/home.asp)

From the British we find information about kinship by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Families on both side of the Atlantic Ocean face kinship challenges.

[www.msu.edu/~kinship/](http://www.msu.edu/~kinship/)

Michigan State University School of Social work has a kinship program. Good information and links to other resources nationally as well as publications are found here.

[www.uic.edu/jaddams/college/kincare/](http://www.uic.edu/jaddams/college/kincare/)

This site comes for the Jane Addams College of Social work at the University of Illinois, Chicago. These folks started a kinship project in 1992. There is good information here for those who are helping caregivers.

[www.urban.org/](http://www.urban.org/)

Use the site map to find your way to kinship care. The Urban Institute, a non-partisan economic and social policy research organization, supports kinship care and many other projects.

[www.cwla.org/program/kinship](http://www.cwla.org/program/kinship)

Child Welfare League

[www.parentingresources.ncjrs.org](http://www.parentingresources.ncjrs.org)

Parenting

[www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org)

Generations United (Resources and Information)

[www.ujc.edu/jaddams/college/kincare](http://www.ujc.edu/jaddams/college/kincare)

Jane Addam's College (Training manual for Child Welfare Workers on Kinship Care)

[www.casey.org/cnc/state/contacts/kinship](http://www.casey.org/cnc/state/contacts/kinship)

Casey

[www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org)

American Humane Association (Child Welfare and Family Group Decision Making Information)

[www.financeprojectinfo.org/win/cwkinshipcare.asp](http://www.financeprojectinfo.org/win/cwkinshipcare.asp)

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