



[A Free One Day Training Course For Professionals About Family and Friends Kinship Care - Improving Support For Families.](#)

Dear Colleague,

More and more children are now being raised by family members and friends. This is due to a wide range of reasons, from drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, feud, mental health issues, illness or the death of the child's parent. The Grandparents' Association has a number of carer grandparents we are helping in Hertfordshire with benefits advice, support and assisting them to find others to speak to in similar situations in their area. We have only just scratched the surface in Hertfordshire and reached a small number of carers. We need to assist these families by raising the awareness of their situations and needs, with the professionals working in Hertfordshire.

Creswick Children's Centre in Welwyn Garden City, recently had a review carried out, and they were praised for their commitment to addressing Kinship Care issues. They were thought to be the only known Children's Centre in Hertfordshire specifically working on these issues.

We would like to explain to you at the one day workshop, about the types of care orders and what they provide, and the different problems faced by Kinship and Friends carers.

Please look at the attached list of workshop dates, times and venues across Hertfordshire. You are welcome to attend any one of the workshops. Lunch and refreshments are provided. The Chief Executive of the Grandparents' Association (Lynn Chesterman) will be leading the workshop.

Contact Lisa at Head Office to reserve a place on: 01279 428040 and return the booking form to:
lisa.hill@grandparents-association.org.uk

Regards,
Judith Howells
Family Support Manager

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Attention All Hertfordshire Professionals Working With Families.

The Grandparents' Association are running free training workshops funded by Hertfordshire, for anyone involved with providing support to families, where family members or friends have taken over the fulltime (or part time) care of children from their parents.

- We will be covering all aspects of kinship care and explaining how as professionals you can improve support for these families.
- We will cover the types of care orders, the legislation and policy involved.
- The role of grandparents in children's lives.
- Childcare issues for grandparents and carers.

You are welcome to attend any venue in Hertfordshire, if the date or times are more appropriate for you. Lunch and refreshments provided.

- **1st February** - London Colney Children's Centre.
Alexander road, London Colney, St Albans, AL2 1JG. 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
- **16th February** - The Priory Hall, Ware Priory, High Street, Ware, SG12 9AL.
10.00 a.m. - 2.15 p.m.
- **22nd February** – Creswick Primary School, Sir John Newsom Way, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4FL. 12.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Light lunch still provided.
- **23rd February** - Shendish Manor, London Road, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0AA. 10.00 a.m. - 2.15 p.m.
- **27th February** – The BECC Children's Centre, Shakespeare Drive, Off Furzehill Road, Borehamwood, WD6 2FD. 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
- **1st March** - Manor of Groves Hotel, High Wych, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 0JU. 10.00 a.m. - 2.15 p.m.
- **6th March** - Chestnut Tree Children's Centre, Radburn Way, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 2JZ. 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
- **14th March** - Coombe Community Centre, Burns Road, Royston, SG8 5PT. 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.
- **27th March** - High Trees Children's Centre, Hertford Regional College, Broxbourne Campus, Turnford, EN10 6AE. 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

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Booking Form

Name:

Job title:

Work Address:

Email:

Tel no:

Date and Venue required: Tick/Highlight preferred venue.

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Dietary requirements:

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