“GRANDFAMILY” REFERS TO ANY FAMILY MEMBER WHO PROVIDES KINSHIP CARE TO A YOUNGER FAMILY MEMBER, SUCH AS AN AUNT, UNCLE, COUSIN, GRANDPARENT, OLDER SIBLING, ETC.

The Larimer County Alliance for Grandfamilies (LCAG) is an alliance of grandparents, educational and professional members, and other community members. Our mission is to work collaboratively to identify the needs of grandfamilies and support them through community education, development of support systems, and advocacy for change.

Members of the LCAG work with their subsequent agencies to inform others as to how grandfamilies in Larimer County interface, influence, and bear an important role in our community. We are interested in working together to increase the sphere of influence that would lend support to these families.

NUMBERS OF GRANDFAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES HAS INCREASED BY NEARLY 30% SINCE 1990

APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILLION GRANDPARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RAISING 5.8 MILLION CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES

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SUPPORTING GRANDPARENTS AND RELATIVE CAREGIVERS RAISING CHILDREN
As a direct result of the LCAG, the Kinship Care System Navigator position was created at Namaqua Center, in partnership with Touchstone Health Partners and the Larimer County Office on Aging. The navigator can research and provide resources and valuable information and services to grandfamilies to address the personal, interpersonal, and economic difficulties many grandfamilies face. The navigator’s services are free and confidential. Some services that the navigator facilitates on a regular basis include:

- Grandfamily support groups
- Educational Programs

“Helping you find resources that fit your needs”

Grandfamily Representatives

One of the reasons the LCAG has experienced success is because of the continued involvement of grandparents and kinship care providers on the board of partners. With the continued presence and voice of these grandparents in the monthly LCAG meetings, we are able to remain current and on track with what the concerns are of grandfamilies in Larimer County.

Larimer County Human Services

Larimer County offers many different resources for families and caregivers. Two partners of Larimer County Human Services in the LCAG are: 1) Office on Aging, and 2) Kinship and Foster Care.

The Office on Aging serves as the Area Agency on Aging for Larimer County. They offer many different services and resources including their ARCH- Family Caregiver Support Program. For more information, visit [www.larimer.org/seniors](http://www.larimer.org/seniors) or call 970-498-7750.

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Proctor and Callahan focuses on elder law, estate planning, probate, Medicaid planning, and Guardianships/Conservatorships. For questions related to how they can assist you in issues related to grandfamilies and kinship care, please contact Rikke Liska, attorney at Proctor and Callahan (contact information on the back).

Visit LCAG website at [www.larimer.org/ext](http://www.larimer.org/ext)

Colorado State University

Colorado State University (CSU) is involved in the LCAG through several different departments. Currently, they have partnered with the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and School of Social Work to create a website and a monthly newsletter for grandfamilies. To visit the site and read the newsletter, please visit: [www.ext.colostate.edu/grg](http://www.ext.colostate.edu/grg)

A member of the Psychology Department currently heads the Aging Clinic of the Rockies which offers many different therapeutic services, including a Caregiver Support Program. For more information, please visit: [www.colostate.edu/Depts/Psychology/acro/services.shtml](http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Psychology/acro/services.shtml)

PAC-Kin

PAC-Kin, which stands for “Kinsfolk Unite to Protect And Cherish Kin” is a non-profit group which formed to work within the legal system to effect legislative change for the good of children in kinship families. For more information on this group, please visit their website at: [www.pac-kin.org](http://www.pac-kin.org). They are currently looking for volunteers; for more information contact Reggie Johnson.