

# Grandparent Respite Fund

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## **Description:**

The Grandparent Respite Fund, which is administered by the Connecticut Children's Trust Fund, provides grants for families in which a grandparent or other adult has been appointed as a guardian for relative children by the Probate Court. The intended purpose of the grant is to benefit the relative caregiver and ultimately the child(ren). Funds may be used for: housing expenses, including shelter, furnishings, utilities and food; transportation expenses including the purchase of a car, insurance, gasoline, maintenance costs and public transportation; child care and other expenses such as day care tuition and supplies, baby-sitting, entertainment and personal care items. Grandparent Respite Fund grants are distributed through the Office of the Probate Court Administrator. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the Administrative Judge or his/her designee and are available one time per calendar year. Grants are based upon available funding.

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## **Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:**

### Eligibility Requirements:

- The child must live with a grandparent or another relative caregiver who either has guardianship through a Probate Court or Superior Court.
- Cannot be receiving monetary support from the Department of Children and Families (DCF).
- Must apply and qualify for a fee waiver through the Probate Court.

### Service Areas:

Statewide and program is based upon available funding.

### Program Year:

January 1 – December 31

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## **Contact Information:**

For additional information and applications

A guardian appointed in a Probate Court or Superior Court who resides in a city or town that is served by a Regional Children's Probate Court may apply for the respite fund grant at those courts. Regional Courts and the cities/towns served are listed on the next page.

Regional Courts

New Haven Regional Children's Probate Court  
873 State Street  
New Haven, CT 06511  
Telephone: 203-773-9556  
Fax: 203-773-9685  
Clerk: Tara Courtmanche

Towns Served:

Branford	New Haven	Orange
East Haven	North Branford	West Haven
Hamden	North Haven	Woodbridge
Milford		

Meriden-Wallingford Regional Children's Probate Court  
Meriden City Hall, Room 116  
142 East Main Street  
Meriden, CT 06450  
Telephone: 203-630-4620  
Fax: 203-238-8050  
Clerk: Cathie Topper

Towns Served:

Meriden	Wallingford
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New London Regional Children's Probate Court  
470 Bank Street  
New London, CT 06320  
Telephone: 860-437-6253  
Fax: 860-437-6259  
Clerk: Doris Sanders

Towns Served:

Colchester	Ledyard	Salem
East Lyme	Montville	Stonington
Griswold	New London	Waterford

Waterbury Regional Children's Probate Court  
65 Center Street  
Waterbury, CT 06702  
Telephone: 203-573-5080

Fax: 203-573-5088  
Clerk: Sherri McPartland

Towns Served:

Cheshire	Southbury	Woodbury
Prospect	Waterbury	

Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court at Willimantic  
90 South Park Street  
Willimantic, CT 06226  
Telephone: 860-450-2653  
Fax: 860-450-2657  
Clerk: Kelley Gamache

Towns Served:

Andover	Mansfield
Eastford	Windham

Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court at Brooklyn  
69 South Main Street, Suite 23  
Brooklyn, CT 06234  
Telephone: 860-779-5674  
Fax: 860-779-5675  
Clerk: Cheryl Hurley

Towns Served:

Ashford	Eastford	Plainfield
Brooklyn	Killingly	Putnam
Canterbury		

A guardian appointed in a Probate or Superior Court who resides in a city or town not served by a Regional Children's Probate Court may apply for the respite fund grant through Court Services by contacting:

Stephanie Janes, LMFT  
Program Manager  
State of Connecticut  
Office of the Probate Court Administrator  
c/o Court Services  
1194 Dixwell Avenue  
Hamden, CT 06514  
Telephone: 203-287-3980 Ext. 19  
Fax: 203-287-3984

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**Related Information:**

[\*Kinship Fund, refer to page III - 14 .\*](#)

[\*National Family Caregiver Support Program, refer to page III – 18\*](#)