

Virginia Lifespan Respite Voucher Program

Grandfamilies and Kinship
Caregivers

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The power of Words.....

My husband and I have been providing 100% care for our 3 grandchildren since we gained full legal custody....

We've no time together (socially e.g.; movies, dinner, outdoor activities, etc.).

We ensure our grandchildren participate in social and recreational activities; we desire the same for ourselves to maintain our own relationship as we continue our journey as...

“grandparents as parents”

Application for Virginia Lifespan Respite Voucher Program and Kinship Caregiver

<https://www.vda.virginia.gov/vlrvm.htm>

Self reported findings...

Average age of the children being cared for is 7 years old (age range is 1 to 14 years old)

30% of the Kinship applicants are caring for 2 or more children

Of the children being cared for by the families that applied for the Kinship Program, currently half of the children in their custody have a self reported mental disorder, as defined by the DSM 5.