Glynn County Grandparents (or relative caregiver) responsible for under 18 grandchildren in 2017: 2,421

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Source: US Census Bureau American Family Survey – estimated

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Source: Annie E Casey; KidsCount Data

**NEED:**

**Grandparent Connection** helps to keep children with their biological families and out of foster care. Support for these grandfamilies requires skilled resources, informed referrals and a caring community to mitigate — or solve, potential problems. Coastal Coalition for Children’s Grandparent Connection in Glynn County is a cherished resource for grandparents, other kinship, and grandchildren.

**ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:**

- **Grandparent Connection** teaches voluntary classes to grandparents for 8 weeks each quarter. Average annual attendance: 57
- **Monthly grandparent support groups with adults and 40 grandchildren in attendance. Childcare provided.**
- **46 legal kinship relationships created in 2016, required for school registration, doctors visits and more.**
- **Over 188 referrals covering needs from birth certificates and immunization records to food and childcare assistance.**
- **349 grandchildren received free After Camp Tutoring for 4 weeks during the summer.**
- **160 attended the 6th Annual Grandparent Connection Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Brunswick in 2017. GPC arranged breakout sessions for grandparent with: pro bono legal advice; pro bono Glynn County school guidance; health and wellness advice and check up; childcare for infants and toddlers, plus age appropriate arts and crafts. Expecting in February 2018: 200**
- **65 children in 2017 received summer camp scholarships.**
- **Back-to-school event with supplies for 70 children.**
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