**Housing Needs of Grandfamilies**

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) was awarded a contract by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal to conduct a qualitative study on housing in relation to grandparent and elderly relative caregivers of children.

Evaluation & Research

The evaluation conducted by CHSR focused on contextualizing existing state data on grandfamilies and housing cost, and to make connections between identified needs in grandfamily housing and existing infrastructures for affordable low-and moderate-income housing in New York State. Evaluation activities included:

1. a review of relevant applied research and scholarly literature on grandparents and grandfamily housing;
2. interviews conducted with experienced program professionals at statewide, regional and/or local levels of New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), and the State Office for the Aging (SOFA);
3. interviews conducted with directors of local kinship care programs and coalitions across the state;
4. administration of focus groups with children and grandparent and elderly relative caregivers reflecting diverse distribution of grandfamilies around the state; and
5. generation of a report summarizing the findings and making recommendations derived from [**these findings**](https://www.albany.edu/chsr/Publications/22NYS%20Grandfamilies%20Housing%20Study%20FINAL%20REPORT_Mar%2031%202015.pdf).