

You are not alone

Raising grandchildren full time can be very challenging.

A growing number of people are caring for their grandchildren for many different reasons.

We can provide confidential support and advice regarding parenting, financial and other issues.

Wanslea is a not-for-profit, community service agency providing support to grandparent carers in W.A, through the Grandcare program.



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Wanslea's Grandparent Carer Support
Services program is funded by the
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*Wanslea supports children and young people
to grow and develop, safely.*

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Grandcare

*Support for grandparents with
full-time care of their grandchildren*

*Wanslea acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout
Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters
and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures; and
to elders both past and present.*

An annual payment to help you care for your grandchildren.

Grandcarers Support Scheme

If you've had full-time care of your grandchildren for at least four months in the past year, they are currently in your care and are under 18 years of age, you may be eligible for an annual payment.

You will not be eligible if you already receive foster care payments from the Department of Communities.

How much is the annual payment?

If you are eligible, you will receive \$1000 for each grandchild you care for who is aged under 18.

Apply each year

You will have to apply each year – because things frequently change in families. Only one payment can be made each year for a child.



How Wanslea can help

Once you've registered with Wanslea Grandcare, you will be able to speak to a Social Worker who can help you:

- Find out if you're eligible for the Grandcarers Support Scheme payment and if so, assist you to apply for it
- Gain information and support in your role as a grandparent carer
- Join a support group if available in your local area
- Access other services that Wanslea provides, if appropriate
- Explore other services that may help you or your grandchildren

Supporting grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.



How to get started

Call Wanslea's Grandcarers Support Scheme on: **1800 794 909** to discuss your eligibility or if you have questions.

Alternatively, you can lodge an enquiry online at **www.wanslea.org.au/gss**

