An Episcopal Children’s Services’ Family Service Specialist had a client who was receiving subsidized benefits for her grandkids of whom she has custody. But this grandmother was still struggling to make ends meet because the subsidized benefits were based on her income.

The Family Service Specialist asked the client if she was receiving Relative Caregiver money for her grandkids. She replied, “No, what is that?” The Family Service Specialist explained that Relative Caregiver money is available to her per each child per month and the money is not based on her income. The Family Service Specialist advised her to apply for cash assistance for the children.

The client took the advice of the Family Service Specialist and she is now receiving Relative Caregiver funding. In turn, her parent fees are lower, freeing up extra money to help her to take better care of her grandkids.

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