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ABOUT GENERATIONS UNITED

Generations United (GU) is the only national membership organization focused solely on promoting intergenerational strategies, programs, and policies. GU represents more than 100 national, state, and local organizations representing more than 70 million Americans. It is the only national organization advocating for the mutual well-being of children, youth, and older adults. GU serves as a resource for educating policymakers and the public about the economic, social, and personal imperatives of intergenerational cooperation. GU provides a forum for those working with children, youth, and older adults to explore areas of common ground while celebrating the richness of each generation.

GU’s National Center on Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children provides training and technical assistance to the aging network to support the implementation of the National Family Caregiver Support Program. The Center also publishes and disseminates publications, tracks state laws and programs, educates federal policy makers, and provides technical assistance and training to direct service providers and other professionals working with the families.

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AUDIOVISUAL RESOURCES

This section contains videos pertaining to relative caregivers, as well as those on general grandparenting issues.

Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children

Center of International Learning. (1999). *A thank you to four million grandparents raising grandchildren.* (Available from the Center of International Learning 240 East 93rd St. #14B, New York, NY 10128 (212) 426-5818).

This 15 minute video interviews four grandparents and their grandchildren. It presents the personal issues in the families, gives voice to the children, and discusses the policy issues of custody and finance. It is a wonderful conversation starter for grandparents, the general public and policy makers.


A brief video of a local RAPP group’s celebration day with over 100 caregivers.


Excerpts from Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc.’s first meeting of support group site sponsors, graduate counseling interns who were to co-facilitate the support groups and grandparents and other relatives.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Center. *Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Center.* (Available from Sue Korenstein, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Centers, Inc. 2225 Tyvola Road, Charlotte, NC 28210 (704)522-6222, ext. 126).

Vignettes of grandparent headed families. Shows how widespread caregiving is and how it affects families in a variety of circumstances.


A news segment originally shown on national television.


Illustrates some of the issues confronted by families where the parent is an AIDS victim as they try to create a custody plan for their children. Designed for
professionals to use with families faced with the challenges of planning for the future of their children.

**Family Center.** The family center presents: *Bigger than this Manhattan (Kids talk about ill parents).* (Available from the Family Center, 66 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007, (212) 766-4522).

This video follows the lives of kids from age 6 to 15 who are living with a parent with HIV/AIDS. The children speak of the difficulty of revealing their situation to peers and adults, and describe the responsibilities they assume in caring for their parents.

**Grandma’s kids – A kinship care program.** (Available from Temple University, Center for Intergenerational Learning, (215) 204-6970).

Explains the services provided by Grandma’s Kids, a demonstration program for grandparents raising grandchildren.

**Grandparents raising grandchildren: Implications for professionals and agencies.** (1999). (Available from the University of Wisconsin Extension, Family Living Programs, 428 Lowell Center, 610 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703-1195, Fax: (608) 263-7969).

National satellite videoconference on the implications grandparents raising grandchildren has on professionals and agencies.

**Grandparents raising grandchildren: Legal and policy issues.** (2001). (Available from the University of Wisconsin Extension, Family Living Programs, 432 N. Lake Street, Madison, WI 53706, (888) 391-4255).

Provided a forum for grandparents raising grandchildren and professionals who serve them to discuss potential local and state action to support laws and public policies for custodial caregivers.


Describes the major issues facing grandparent caregivers, such as the emotional challenges in parenting grandchildren, the grandchildren’s responses to their grandparents, the need for support groups and therapy for both the grandparents and grandchildren.

**Holloway Communications.** (1999). *Project healthy grandparents.* (Available from Georgia State University, P.O. Box 4019, Atlanta, GA 30302, (404) 651-3030).

Informational video about the services offered by Project Healthy Grandparents.

A documentary film which tells the story of a kinship care family living in poverty and the complex issues they face. Legacy Community Action Toolkits are also available from ETHNO Pictures.

New York State Office for the Aging. *Aging and you: Support groups for grandparents.* (Available from New York State Office for the Aging, 2 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518) 474-5041).

A combination of interviews with support group participants, agency directors and the Director of the New York State Office for the Aging illustrate the benefits of support groups for participants.

New York State Office for the Aging’s Targeted Caregivers Initiative (Producer). *Legal issues facing grandparents raising grandchildren.* (Available from New York State Department for the Aging, 2 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518) 474-5041).

Provides detailed information using a discussion group format. Part I: Custody; Part II: Foster Care, Guardianship, visitation, housing, school enrollment and medical care. Melinda Perez Porter, JD, of the Brookdale Foundation, is the featured lawyer.


Educates professionals, advisory board members and collaborating agencies on the issues facing grandparent caregivers. Reduced rates are offered to community-based, grass-roots organizations.


A documentary that studies three diverse urban families in which grandparents are raising their grandchildren as a result of their own children's drug addiction


Explains the West Coast Children’s Center programs and services of support for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren in response to their children’s drug addiction.


A video that focuses on the children of incarcerated mothers, which is one of the causes of kinship care.

2000 Academy Award winning documentary about a grandmother’s struggle to keep her grandson out of the foster care system.


Three grandmothers explain why they became the parents of their grandchildren and share their experiences in raising them.


Four relative caregivers address the challenges they face. Designed for educational purposes and community presentations.


A public television program that profiles the sacrifices, challenges and joys of grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.


This 11 minute video focuses on the experience of a pre-teen living with grandma.

WestCoast Children’s Center. *Grandparent families: A program of hope*. (Available from West Coast Children’s Center, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530 (510) 527-7249).

Documents the grandparent caregiving program run by the center. An insight into services to children as well as caregivers. Helpful to agencies planning to develop services for children.

Yeakel, L. (Director), Instructional Broadcast Center (Producer). *Mediation for kinship caregivers- An alternative to the courtroom*. (Available from Washington State Dept. of Social & Health Services, Aging and Adult Services Administration, P.O. Box 4560 Olympia, WA 98504 (360) 725-2556).

Introduces mediation as an alternative to legal battles for resolving conflicts within families.
**General Grandparenting**


Sample Public Service Announcements (PSAs), with a guide to the distribution of PSAs.


A number of short and useful television clips from a press conference conducted by AARP on Grandparents’ Day.


Thirty-minute video, hosted by Maya Angelou, focuses on the important grandparent, parent and child relationships.
This section contains books that cover caregiving and general grandparenting issues.

**Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children**


Surveys child welfare workers in a diverse selection of counties in California to attain a greater understanding of the issues that arise in kinship foster care.


Examines what some states have done to increase the number of children adopted out of foster care and to expand available permanency options through the use of legal guardianship.


Seventeen chapters written by expert psychologists, social workers, nurses, lawyers and sociologists that explore the custodial grandparent-grandchild relationship.


Provide professionals, agencies and organizations information needed to provide services to foster and adopted children in transracial and transcultural families, the children's adoptive and foster parents, and adopted families with children adopted internationally.


Explores the challenges, hardships, and rewards faced by grandparents parenting their grandchildren.


Presents many difficult issues facing children whose parents and siblings are dying of AIDS. Written by experts from a variety of fields--including psychiatry, medicine, and social work--the book provides guidance for policymakers as well as for parents and those who work with children.

Chapters explore cultural differences; the management of physical and psychological difficulties; clinical, legal, and service-related topics surrounding those limitations; and policy-sensitive issues involved in surrogate parenting.


A case-study is presented illustrating how an Eriksonian life-cycle perspective clarifies the developmental demands on adolescents in these situations and provides a theoretical framework for organizing therapeutic work with them.

Houtman, S. (1999). To grandmas house, we...stay – When you have to stop spoiling your grandchildren and start raising them. Northridge, CA: Studio 4 Productions.

Advice on such issues as surviving the court system, dealing with the malfunctioning parent, and nurturing the child. Eight appendices offer extensive general resources.


Recommends that federal, state, and local child welfare and AIDS service agencies, in collaboration with private agencies and community-based organizations and family members, develop programs to meet the needs of orphaned youngsters, their families and new guardians.


A series of chapters on the dimensions of HIV/AIDS, living and coping with death, new service models and recommendations for the future.


A guide to open adoptions, which are used in many kinship adoptions since birth parents are allowed to retain connections with their children.


Explains how the crack cocaine epidemic has changed the nature and extent of grandparenting in African American communities.

Examines how relative caregivers differ from non-relative caregivers with regard to demographics, values, attitudes, and service needs.


Examines how relative caregivers differ from non-relative caregivers with regard to demographics, values, attitudes, and service needs.


A story written by a granddaughter living with a grandmother who has AIDS.


Assistance for grandparents raising their grandchildren, covering concerns such as finances, legalities, ability to parent again, family relationships.


Words and pictures on life with grandma and grandpa from children being raised by their grandparents.

**General Grandparenting**


Contains interviews with dozens of grandparents aged 28 to 90, along with tips and advice for grandparents.


Deals with problems of grandparents cast in a non-traditional role of raising grandchildren. Addresses issues of rights, personal, emotional, and spiritual resources, and re-parenting.

Examines the changing role of grandparenthood from a child development perspective and addresses issues such as divorce, death and mourning, remarriage, child abuse and teen pregnancy, and children with special needs.


Explores the historical and changing roles of grandparents as nurturers, family historians, mentors, models of aging, and sages.


Clinical authority in the field of grandparenting shares conclusions after ten years of research into the nature of the relationship between parents, grandparents, and children.


Synthesizes the current knowledge about grandparents and their role in families and society.


Explains and explores the unique emotional attachments between grandparents and grandchildren.


Offers grandparents guidance and advice on how to connect with their grandchildren and shows them how to make the most of challenges that are particular to contemporary grandparenting.


Dr. Ruth offers insights into a rewarding and complex relationship that unites generations.


A book for children that offers specific suggestions for helping grandparents and showing appreciation.

Deals with today’s adult children and blended families, including high-tech grandparenting, making the most of time alone with the grandchildren, and sharing financial assets.
This section contains general reports prepared by non-profit organizations and universities about grandparents and other relatives raising children.


Results of telephone surveys conducted by the AARP Grandparent Information Center with grandparents who are the primary caregivers of their grandchildren, social service professionals and members of the news media.


A report from the White House Mini-conference on Aging held on March 17th 1995.


Detailed information about the status of kinship foster care in Minnesota to inform policy and practice.


Compares trends in outcomes for children in kinship care and non-relative foster care.


Compares the characteristics and outcomes of children in kinship care to those of children in nonrelative foster care.


Compares children living with relatives fare and children living with their parents on measures of behavioral, emotional, and physical well-being.

Results of a national survey by the Children’s Defense Fund to find out more information on the barriers to enrolling children in kinship care families in health insurance programs and the strategies needed to eliminate the barriers.

Boston Aging Concerns, Young and Old United. (1994). *Grandparents raising the next generations; A study of grandparents raising grandchildren in Boston.* Boston, MA: Boston Aging Concerns, Young and Old United.

Presents findings from a study based on the interviews of fifty grandparent caregivers in Boston, Massachusetts. The study found housing and financial issues to be of the most concern to these caregivers.


Presents a demographic profile of grandparents who are responsible for the parenting of grandchildren. Policy-related problems discussed include cash assistance, health insurance, decision-making authority, housing, and legal rights.


Provides a framework for kinship care policy and practice and sets forth the steps to further kinship care as a child welfare service, including the agenda for child welfare agencies, legislative directions, and research.

Child Welfare League of America. (1999). *Parenting your grandchild: When you need to be more than a grandparent.* Northfield, MN: CWLA.

CWLA national kinship care conference report on preserving family ties and life skills education.


Provides examples of the promising results and missed opportunities of state child welfare waiver demonstrations as well as recommendations for the federal government.


Paper takes a close look at the guardianship option, including subsidized guardianship and discusses the range of issues to be considered as part of a guardianship program.

A report on cocaine-exposed children returning home to their parents.


Project report for the grandparents raising grandchildren task force in the state of Ohio.


Examines the demographic characteristics, health status, and educational status of children in kinship care.


Researchers analyzed the receipt of TANF child-only payments, foster care payments, health insurance, food stamps, housing assistance, and child care for kin involved with child welfare agencies compared with kin caring for children informally.


Policy brief on services for children in kinship care.


With data from the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey, this study examines the prevalence of renting among grandparents raising grandchildren, the socio-demographic characteristics of such renters, and some of the special problems and challenges they face.


The Urban Institute conducted a survey of all 50 states and the District of Columbia on child welfare funding sources and expenditures. This paper presents the results of that survey.

Four papers on demographic and sociological contexts, public benefits and programs, the child welfare system, and supportive services for kinship caregivers.


Documents the initial experiences of grandparents living at GrandFamilies House as a baseline for long-term evaluation efforts.


Results of pilot study designed to improve the well-being of grandparents raising grandchildren. The study was a home-based intervention designed to reduce stress, improve physical, mental health and social support and resources of grandparents raising grandchildren.


Guidelines specifically address the issues of placing children who lose their parents to HIV/AIDS with kin and with adoptive families.


An overview of supportive community based programs and services for kinship families is presented, along with a look at national resources available to members of the aging network concerned with developing programs. The monograph also presents a selection of “best practices” on the state and local levels, within the context of the five categories of assistance delineated by the NFCSP.


Looking at how seven public benefit programs, specifically Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Food Stamps, Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and Head Start, serve or fail
to serve grandparents who have assumed responsibility for a grandchild's care is the purpose of this report.


Provides updated information regarding states' support and treatment of kinship care foster parents.


A national and state-by-state effort to provide policy makers and citizens with benchmarks of child well-being. It includes variables such as percentage of low birth-weight babies, child death rates, percentage of children in poverty, and percentage of children without health insurance.


A report on the third annual statewide educational symposium on kinship foster care.


Assesses the extent to which past studies find a relationship between race and four kinship support outcomes: support given, support received, perceived support, and co-residence.


Summarizes the findings of a descriptive study of 134 grandparents raising grandchildren. The discussion examines various needs of these grandparents with particular attention to their communication with school teachers and administrators.


Explores the value of grandparenting, especially to single-parent families. State and national trends as well as a thorough analysis of the benefits and roles of grandparents are offered. Resources for grandparent caregivers are listed in the Appendix.

This monograph discusses kinship care within the framework of federal and state legislation. It is designed to assist states in developing laws, regulations and policies to protect children within their extended families and communities.


Conference materials from the national resource center for permanency planning, the Jane Addams college of social work and the Jane Addams center for social policy and research, kinship care forum.


Contains descriptions of the best practices from successful behavioral health services for grandparents and other relatives raising children written by practitioners from four pilot programs.


A report from the 1999 grandparents raising grandchildren Tulsa conference.


A review of various options to amend the judicial and legal systems in New York state to facilitate kinship care when it is clearly in the best interest of the child.


Results of a survey on state policies for identifying, licensing, and financially supporting kinship care families.


Provides information useful to policymakers and analysts who are concerned with child welfare issues. The study’s goal was to develop practical and valid ways of describing and discussing key issues in foster care. States included are California, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New York and Texas.

Multiple reports that describe and compare the foster care populations of eleven states. The reports provide policy makers, legislators, and agency administrators with significant trends of the last decade designed to help them weigh the effectiveness of current child welfare policy and program administration.


Study systematically compares the characteristics, needs, service experiences, and case resolutions (outcomes) of young children in kinship and non-kinship foster care in New York City.


Study compares the functioning of young adults who spent time in kinship foster care and those who spent time in non-relative foster care to that of a matched group of adults who did not spend time in out-of-home care.
GOVERNMENT REPORTS

This section contains federal, state and local government reports on grandparents and other relatives raising children.


Summarizes current knowledge about kinship care, including all available data on the specific issues raised by Congress in the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. The report makes recommendations to Congress including the need for further research to fill gaps in the present knowledge about kinship care and its use within and outside the child welfare system.


Data on the characteristics of coresident grandparents and grandchildren in different types of households. It compares households where grandparents are the householders and those where a parent or parents of the grandchildren maintain the home.


An action plan to create a kinship care system built on the strengths of the extended family.


Uses 1997 March Current Population Survey data in conjunction with data from past years to estimate how many grandparents maintain households for their grandchildren and how these numbers have changed since 1990.

Results of a study by the Elderly Service Division’s Grandparent Support Group Program in Connecticut. Includes a copy of the survey developed and the formal results of the study.


Compares the characteristics and outcomes of children in kinship care and their caregivers to those of children in traditional foster care and their foster parents.


Report of the Mayor’s Commission for the foster care of children. Presents an overview of kinship care and the issues involved. Examines the features of the participating populations, and offers recommendations for improving the system. Concludes that alternative permanency planning goals need to be developed.


Study on the experiences of children in kinship foster care and children in other placement settings.


Report to the Chairman, Subcommittee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives. Pursuant to a congressional request, GAO reviewed states efforts to improve the permanency planning process and reduce the time a child spends in foster care.


Describes the quality of care that children in kinship care receive compared with that received by children in traditional foster care. The authors present their findings from the review of recent research in the field, federal statutes and regulations, the review of sample foster care cases within California and Illinois, and legislation within the two States that address kinship care.

Summary of the Mayor’s first annual conference on grandparents raising grandchildren in New York.


A report of the second annual Mayoral Conference including policy recommendations submitted to the White House Conference on Aging.


Reports examine national data sources to describe the characteristics of children in kinship living arrangements, and to identify recent trends in the pattern of kinship caregiving.


Provides detailed information on how each state uses, reviews, and supports foster homes provided by relatives of children.


Investigates kinship foster care and identifies issues in state regulations and official practices concerning the use, certification, and support of extended family providing foster care to relatives.


Explains the positive aspects of kinship care as well as the barriers to kinship placements. Also focuses on the agency’s responsibility, special state and city efforts, and subsidized guardianship.

Ohio Dept. of Aging. *Grandparents Raising ... Grandchildren: A report to the Ohio General Assembly on the problems and concerns of Ohioans raising their children’s children.*

A well-constructed strategic plan for addressing the needs of grandparent caregivers on a statewide basis.

A Special Report consisting of findings and recommendations of the Illinois symposium on legal and supportive services for grandparents raising grandchildren.


Presents findings on children in relative and non-relative foster care. The report details state-by-state demographic characteristics, presents an analysis of State policies, and summarizes the qualities, experiences and services of related and non-related foster care providers.


Collection of case-specific data on all children in foster care for whom the state child welfare agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision, regardless of their eligibility for Title IV-E.


A compilation of child-only practice and policy in California, Florida and Missouri. Includes a national overview with comparative context for the three states.


The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ plan to meet President Clinton’s goal of doubling the number of adoptions and permanent placements by the year 2002.


This report presents national patterns and trends in kinship care, living arrangement patterns by state, and examines the dynamics of formal and informal kinship care in California, Illinois, Missouri, and New York.

A report by the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Human Services of the House Select Committee on Aging, 102nd Congress, second session.


Final report of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging. The report calls for an intergenerational aging policy that ensures a continuing solvency in the Social Security system, endorses a greater investment into aging research, and embodies greater sensitivity to the nation's diversity.
GENERAL GUIDES

This section contains general guides for grandparents and other relatives raising children and practitioners and professionals working with the families.


State law chart with information pertaining to financial and support services, consent, and legal relationship.


State law chart with information pertaining to type of relationship with the child.


Information on Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income, Earned Income Tax Credit.


This book addresses health related issues such as immunizations, health screening, nutrition, lead poisoning, SIDS and emotional health.


A how-to guide on starting a support group for grandparents raising grandchildren.


This book addresses clinical issues, health care reform, public policy and a section on legal tips.

Beatitudes Center for Developing Older Adult Resources. Helping to raise your children’s children. Phoenix, AZ: Beatitudes Center for Developing Older Adult Resources.

A practical guide for grandparent caregivers that deals with a range of issues from parenting to raising healthy children.

Designed to help effect positive change for grandparent and other relative-headed families in one’s community. It contains the written responses from a survey that GU conducted of practitioners across the U.S. who assist in grandparent and other relative-headed families.


Includes background information on grandparents and other relatives raising children, National Family Support Program provisions, as well as program examples.


This glossary is a product of the Kin Care Task Force in New York City.


A guide for grandparent caregivers. The author is a grandparent caregiver and interweaves many personal experiences with her practical advice.


Three chapters on program purpose and eligibility, assessment and case management, and supporting guardianship families.


Guide that blends education, understanding, and assistance for grandparents raising grandchildren.


Written in question and answer format, this manual provides information on a wide range of legal issues facing grandparents raising grandchildren including powers of attorney, guardianships, obtaining financial assistance, health care and school requirements.

Intergenerational action plan developed by GU’s symposium panel of experts. Includes policy recommendations for family supports, community education, media advocacy, and data collection. As well as background information on grandparents and other relatives raising children.


A guide for states that are developing, or just beginning to use, standby guardian laws.

**Legal Service for Prisoners with Children.** *Manual for grandparents and caregivers of drug-exposed infants and children.* San Francisco, CA: Legal Service for Prisoners with Children.

A reference guide for caregivers in Alameda and San Francisco Counties.


Contains general information about grandparents raising grandchildren, why grandparents go to court, the advantages of representing oneself, how grandparents can ease the financial burden of raising their grandchildren, and who to contact for more information.


A series of six booklets, in English and Spanish, on the legal and financial issues of grandparent and relative caregivers in New York State: Vol. 1 – Custody, Foster Care, Kinship Foster Care, Guardianship, Standby Guardianship and Adoption; Vol. 2 – Visitation, Housing, Education and medical consent; Vol. 3 – The Family Assistance Program (NY’s TANF Program), Vol. 4 - The Food Stamp Program, Vol. 5 - A guide to: Health Care Programs, Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, Child/Teen Health Plan, Child Health Plus and Vol. 6 - A guide to: Social Security Benefits, Retirement, Survivors,, Disability, Supplemental Security Income.


Brief annotated bibliography on permanency planning and kinship care.

This handbook details differences between adoption, kinship care, and guardianship in relation to assistance available and legal implications in the State of Illinois.


Intended as a practical guide for grandparents raising their grandchildren, it contains information and ideas about meeting grandchildren’s needs and vignettes describing the coping strategies of many grandparents.


A handbook for family members who are caring for their relative’s children to help them cope with the impact of parental substance abuse.
FACT SHEETS

This section contains fact sheets that focus on grandparents and other relatives raising children.


Fact sheet on the provisions of NFCSP and its inclusion of grandparents or older relatives who are relative caregivers. Also gives program examples. (Available in larger font version).


Fact sheet on educational enrollment, immunizations, special educational services, parental activities, and caregiver support groups for grandparents and other relatives raising children.


Fact sheet on 25 state subsidized guardianship programs, including 3 that do not require the child to have been in state custody.


Fact Sheet based on 2000 Census data. Also addresses policy, legal, physical and mental health, educations, and housing issues for grandparents and other relatives raising children.


Fact sheet on respite care, including the different types of respite that can be offered, and model programs that currently exist, which can be replicated.


Individual state fact sheets that include newly available Census data on the number of grandparent caregivers, a comprehensive list of kinship care family resources and services, state foster care policies for kinship caregivers, information about key public benefits programs and state kinship care laws.

Fact sheet on the growing networks of caregiver support groups throughout the United States and on other available resources for starting a support group.


Fact sheet that provides information on a specific type of housing program for grandparents and other relatives raising children with state examples, as well as explains national housing legislation for these families.


Fact sheet on supplemental services, the fifth category of support services offered to relative caregivers through the National Family Caregiver Support Program.
STATE RESOURCE GUIDES

This section contains state resource guides for grandparents and other relatives raising children.


Subjects covered include legal and financial issues, housing, education, child care and social and mental health services.


A guide for grandparents, adoptive and foster parents and family members who are raising related children in Pinellas County, Florida.


Reviews Atlanta area resources for grandparents raising grandchildren including legal, financial, medical, psychological, child care, school and leisure/recreation.


A complete guide including resource information for District of Columbia caregivers raising children of family and friends.


A resource guide for kinship caregivers in Maryland. Subjects include financial matters, housing, legal issues and health care.

Conliffe, M. (1996). Resource guide for grandparents, kinship caregivers or others who are guardians of children. Louisville, KY.

A resource guide to help relative caregivers access available social services and understand the legal system in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc. Writings and resources for grandparents raising grandchildren and other relatives as parents. Peoria, IL: Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging.

This is detailed guide to resources for grandparents raising grandchildren in Fulton, Marshall, Peoria. Stark, Tazewell and Woodford Counties in Central Illinois. Topics include legal issues, foster parenting, financial sources, food pantries, public aid assistance programs, childcare, medical care, schools,
support groups, advocacy, substance abuse, housing and others. Includes quotes from relative-headed families.


A guide to resources and services for kinship families in the Cleveland area.

Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities. (1997). *Grandparents raising and nurturing dependent children (GRAND)*. New Castle, DE: Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities.

Delaware’s resources book for grandparents and relative caregivers provides information on the resources and services available for the grandchildren. GRAND also provides information concerning issues such as, child care, school registration, and immunizations.


Comprehensive listing of resources for child care, counseling, education, financial assistance, health and legal issues for grandparents raising grandchildren in Delaware. Contains frequently asked questions as well as fact sheets.


This guide provides practical information and answers to frequently asked questions for relatives raising children in the Tallahassee, Florida area. Includes information on education, health and safety, transportation, support groups counseling, parenting, child care, addiction/dependency, financial assistance, and legal issues.


A guide to local resources in the Philadelphia area. Summary of a roundtable discussion on local kinship concerns and national satellite video teleconference.

A practical guide for grandparents who are long-term caregivers. It provides legal information, discusses the various resources available to grandparents to enable them to meet the children's financial, medical, emotional and social service needs; written so it may be used by non-lawyers.


A guide to dealing with the legal system, including juvenile courts. Areas covered include Indian children, permanency planning for HIV affected children, visitation by grandparents and public assistance programs.


This multi-topic resource guide includes thumbnail descriptions of information on health and safety needs, child care, school needs, obtaining needed documents, financial assistance, custody and legal issues and coping with these challenges. Each item includes information on getting further information and help.


A brief manual that provides general information about the court process as well as some specific suggestions on how to participate in the process.


Provides basic information for kinship caregivers and program descriptions of relevant state agencies and offers suggestions in contacting other public and private resources.


Comprehensive service guide of the national, regional, and local coalitions for grandparent caregivers. Also includes related organizations, periodicals, articles and other resources.

This directory gives grandparents and other relative caregivers information regarding services throughout New York City.


This resource handbook assists grandparents with locating and obtaining needed legal, financial, social and health resources.

**Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.** *Relatives caring for children: Ohio resource guide.* Columbus, OH: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The Guide is intended to help kinship caregivers who are raising children in their care with ideas and information about services and support groups, cash benefits to help raise the child, making decisions about legal issues, and services for children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned.

**Oklahoma Department of Human Services.** (2000). *Starting point for grandparents raising grandchildren.* Oklahoma City, OK: Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Aging Services Division and the Division of Children and Family Services.

Provides grandparent and other relative caregivers with an overview of services, programs and general information to access assistance in Oklahoma.


Includes resources for grandparent caregivers such as legal services, housing and support groups in Oklahoma.


A guide to supportive services in Orange County New York.


A practical handbook for grandparents who are caregivers for their grandchildren and who want to establish a legal relationship with the children.


A resource guide with information and services for grandparent caregivers.

Addresses resource information, empowerment issues, financial issues, educational issues, legal issues, health issues, mental health/counseling issues and grandparent support groups. A reference list of kinship care resource books and a bibliography are included.
This section contains a comprehensive list of journal articles pertaining to kinship caregiving from 1995 – 2002.

**Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children**


Describes the complex needs of HIV/AIDS affected children and their relative caregivers and suggests that placement with relatives can be a realistic option for permanency.


Explores the benefits of clarifying subsystem boundaries with grandfamilies in family therapy and how they can open resources for improved family functioning.


Focuses on kinship care in the United States. The article defines kincare, addresses the demography of kincare as well as service issues.


Explores associations between the type of out-of-home care (kin versus nonrelative) and selected outcomes in adulthood.


Explores the differences between grandmothers who provide different levels of caregiving responsibility for a grandchild.


A collection of intergenerational articles with a chapter on grandparent caregiving, which discusses relative caregiving in the context of a growing number of cross-generational issues.

Describes Filial/Family Play Therapy (FFTP) grandparent training model, which is an intervention for custodial grandparents aimed at fostering healthy parent-child relationships through training and supervising grandparents in the basic methodology of child-centered play therapy, while providing them with emotional support.


Discusses contributing factors to the phenomenon of grandparents raising grandchildren as well as policy and programmatic responses to the rapid growth of this family configuration.


Explores the nature and efficacy of support groups for grandparents rearing grandchildren through an exploratory study of an 8-week school-based small group intervention.


Explores the life experiences of African American and Latino grandmothers as the primary caregivers for their grandchildren who are HIV infected or have AIDS and identifies the similarities and differences between the two groups.


Reports findings of a national study examining characteristics of coresident grandmothers and their grandchildren between 1967-1992.


Investigates the relationship between living in kinship or foster care and high-risk reproductive behaviors in a nationally representative sample of women.

Focuses on the programs that aim to help grandparents and other relatives who are caring for children who might end up in state custody and in the care of strangers.


Examines conventional options such as testamentary and inter vivo guardianships, together with more recent innovative mechanisms in permanency planning, such as standby guardianship.


Assesses the outcomes of kinship care placements approximately four years after initial placement.


Describes the process used to develop curricular resources that can be utilized by professionals to provide supportive and educational services to custodial grandparents.


Describes a collaborative process by the political, public, and private communities to respond to the emergence of kinship care as a child welfare entity in Philadelphia.


Presents the results of a needs-assessment that analyzed the service needs of a representative sample of relative caregivers at Lucas County Children Services in Toledo, Ohio.

Assesses the physical and mental health, and educational status of children in kinship care.


Describes children, caregivers, caseworkers, and services with regard to kinship care.


Uses national data to look at the differences between children in kinship and non-kinship care arrangements.


Explores grandparenting in view of changes in demographics and family composition including custodial grandparenting.


Presents results from a cross-sectional study comparing three groups of custodial grandparents to identify the unique challenges and expectations faced by custodial grandparents.


Explores the characteristics of children in kinship care and their caregivers who have access to health care and the relation between indicators of access and health needs.


A national profile of grandparent caregivers that explores the differences between caregiving and non-caregiving grandparents.

Explains the results of a study that sought to determine the prevalence and profile of grandparents providing extensive care for a grandchild.


Compares the quality of the substitute care being provided to children in the care of relatives by reason of their mother’s incarceration, with care provided by foster parents.


Uses a multigenerational systems perspective to highlight the diversity among grandparent-headed households.


Presents the results from a study focusing on grandmother well-being and the configuration of close relationships across an intergenerational triad consisting of grandmother, parent, and grandchild.


Discusses social service and medical program developed through the partnership of a large urban teaching hospital, a foundation involved in funding programs for older adults, and an inner city school district.


Compares the transfer of abused and neglected children initially placed with relatives to that of abused and neglected children initially placed in foster care.


Presents a range of definitions and ways of conceptualizing kinship care, and traces how care by relatives has evolved.

The prevalence of grandparents raising grandchildren and identified problem and treatment focus areas are described through a review of the literature.


Explores caregiving arrangements for the children of women who are incarcerated.


Collection of both quantitative and qualitative data on why and how grandparents provide care to their grandchildren.


Describes the many challenges these grandparents and their grandchildren face, the development of project Grandparents United: Intergenerational Developmental Education, and how the program helps grandparents achieve success as parenting grandparents.


Describes a pilot program that provided 41 grandfamilies with home and community-based support services.


Identifies the needs of grandparent caregivers and proposes interventions. Welfare reform implications are noted for state jurisdictions.


This longitudinal study, utilizing data from the National Survey of Families and Households, identifies the pre-existing personal characteristics and contextual variables that are predictive of individuals becoming primary caregivers for their grandchildren.

Results from a qualitative study exploring the complex problems grandparents have when raising their grandchildren.


A review of previous research on the determinants of grandparents caring for grandchildren, which suggests that grandparent care is generally precipitated by need or problems experienced by parents.


Examines the experiences of grandparents as they increasingly take on the parental role for their grandchildren.


Presents a review of studies on grandparenting in the United States that address issues including the demographics, ethnicity and social class.


Explores how school social workers and children’s protective services workers can collaborate to improve the social and educational functioning of maltreated children living in kinship networks.


Provides a profile of grandparent caregivers, reasons for increases in kinship care, special challenges for these families, supportive interventions, and future directions for supportive programming.


Examines the challenges faced by working grandparents who act as primary caregivers for grandchildren in the United States.

Discusses the effects of grandparents raising their grandchildren, including that grandparents raising young children are challenged emotionally, physically, and financially. Also explains that the children must deal with many confusing emotions.


Uses data from the 1998 National Health Survey and the Child Health Supplement to compare the health of grandmothers raising grandchildren to women of a similar age living in other family structures.


Examines advantages and limitations of support groups for grandparents raising grandchildren. Recommendations are made for ways to improve how support groups function.


Reports that the 1999 national videoconference Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Implications for Professionals and Agencies was a viable method of educating professionals and grandparents on issues of parenting again and can help facilitate community members to work together on emerging needs.


Presents results from a study exploring the use of a psychoeducational group format specifically developed for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

Presents interviews of families in which grandparents are raising grandchildren to explore the relationships between grandparents, their adult children and grandchildren.


Describes a project that provides health and social services to grandparents raising their grandchildren through a strengths-based model.


Addresses the major problems facing grandparent-headed families, avenues of assistance for them, and public policy considerations.


Describes the results of a multidisciplinary study that provides home visitation with social, nursing, legal, and educational support to grandparents raising grandchildren.


Examines the needs of children, imprisoned women, and the kinship caregivers from an ecological theoretical perspective.

**African American/ Latino Kinship Caregivers**


This qualitative descriptive study was designed to describe African American grandmothers' perceptions about the burdens of raising adolescent grandchildren.

Reviews the role of extended family in the lives of 30 youth currently residing in kinship care households.


This article examines patterns of service use and predictors of unmet needs among a purposive sample of 74 Latino grandparent caregivers in New York City.


This study of 74 Latino grandparents rearing their grandchildren in New York City, found poverty rates to be roughly three times those of grandparent caregivers nationwide and rates of self-reported poor health and depression to be twice as high.


Uses a role theory perspective to examine the social relationships of 74 Latinos rearing their grandchildren in New York City.


Examines effects on Latino grandparents raising special needs grandchildren, including the high incidence of depression in these grandparents.


Looks at the lives and support systems of black grandparents and great-grandparents who are caring for children because of drug addicted parents.


Examines the interactions of African-American foster care parents with child welfare agencies and the differences in information received by relative foster care providers in comparison to traditional foster parents.

Describes an empowerment training project and its curriculum that was
developed for a group of African American grandparents.

Danzy, J. & Jackson, S. (1997). Family preservation and support services: A

Examines the significance of kinship care in preserving the Afro-American family.
Also discusses the development and importance of the natural relationship
between kinship care and family preservation services.

grandchildren: A national profile of demographic and health

Compares the demographic, physical and mental health characteristics of African
American grandparents who are raising their grandchildren with non caregiving
African American grandparents.

and Social Work, Vol. 14, No. 3.*

Presents information on a study regarding the role shift experienced by African
American grandmothers who assumed the role of primary caregivers of their
grandchildren.

Gibson, P. (2002). African American grandmothers as caregivers: Answering the
call to help their grandchildren. *Families in Society – The Journal of

Uses a phenomenological perspective to describe, in their own words, the
experiences of 12 African American grandmothers and why they assumed the
parental role for their grandchildren.

Harper, W. & Hardesty, P. (2001). Differentiating characteristics and needs of
minority grandparent caregivers. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in
Social Work, Vol. 9, No. 3-4.*

Examines the growing trend of nonparent relative caregiving for children in the United
States. The study considers the association of kinship caregiving with substance abuse
and compares African American and European American grandparent caregivers.

Pruchno, R. (1999). Raising grandchildren: The experiences of black and white

Contrasts the experiences of 398 Caucasian and 319 African American
grandmothers raising their grandchildren in the absence of the middle
generation.

population. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal, Vol. 16, No. 6, 455-
467.*
Examines the concern of African American grandmothers as caregivers of grandchildren and the need for social services assistance in the continuance of child care.


Discusses increased kinship care as a resilient response by the African American community which can be attributed in part to a strong kinship network.


Tests a conceptual model developed to explain the link between kinship support and the psychological well-being of economically disadvantaged African-American adolescents.


Reviews the literature on the African American grandmother in the context of the African American family and describes a practice model for service provision to those women who seek support as they “parent again.”

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**Behavioral/ Health of Children in Kinship Families**


Describes the characteristics and outcomes of drug-exposed and non drug-exposed children in kinship and non-relative foster care.


Assesses the health status and adequacy of health care for children placed in kinship care by a public agency.


Examines the health and educational status of children in kinship care.

Provides a review of the literature about grandkin and grandparents in grandfamilies, particularly as the relationship influences the children’s school functioning.


Compares two groups of grandparents, those who were raising grandchildren with a developmental disability and those raising grandchildren without a developmental disability.


Discusses the special needs of children in kinship care. The circumstances that may occur which lead to grandparents raising their grandchildren, environmental stresses associated with relative care, developmental and behavioral problems that may affect these children, and the lack of financial support for grandparents are explained.


Results from a study comparing three groups of grandparents, attempting to disentangle grandparental role demands from child-specific problems as sources of role-specific and grandchild-relationship distress.


Discusses the characteristics of grandparents who care for grandchildren with disabilities. Examines financial and emotional support, and positive and negative consequences of caregiving.


Investigates whether indicators of poor child functioning significantly decrease the probability of reunification for children in out-of-home care, and examines this issue in the contexts of both formal foster care and kinship care.

Six articles dedicated to grandparents raising children with disabilities addressing cultural factors, special needs, foster care, and others.


Discusses services available to grandparents who care for their grandchildren with developmental delays or disabilities.


Describes the educational programs, academic achievement, and cognitive and language skills of children in kinship care, compared to their peers at school.


Describes grandparent-headed families, looks at the health and school adjustment of children raised in them, and identifies factors related to those outcomes.


Assesses the behavioral problems of teens in kinship care.

**Kinship Foster Care**


Examines whether the well-being of children in kinship foster care can be explained with factors that predict child well-being in non-related foster care.


Assesses the quality of care in a sample of 29 kin and 33 non-kin foster parents. The study evaluates family relations between children and their caregivers.

Discusses how such factors as the availability of foster homes, the demand for foster care, attitudes toward the extended families of troubled parents, and policies regarding payment for the costs of care have contributed to the rapid growth in kinship care.


Compares the characteristics of kin and non-kinship providers, the services they receive, the children they care for, and issues of visitation with birth parents.


Assesses methods for facilitating permanence for children in kinship foster care.


Examines the characteristics, perceptions, and attitudes of family foster caregivers and kinship caregivers.


Contains research concerning when and how kin should be used as foster parents.


Describes children in kinship care and identifies potential obstacles to permanency.


Examines whether the effect of placement into kinship foster care on reunification rates is due to selection bias.


Results from a study using administrative child welfare data from California to examine the relationship of the characteristics of children and their families to whether children were placed in kinship foster care.

Compares adolescents who are in foster care and kinship care with adolescents who are not in foster care in terms of their readiness for independent living, work history, and perceptions of the future.


Compares the characteristics of adolescents in kinship care to those in non-relative foster care.


Highlights the key issues in kinship care and discusses them as they relate to agency structure for kinship family support in the public child welfare system.


Describes one time-limited model of service delivery that uses a family preservation approach and focuses on permanency for the child within a cultural context.


Presents a study that evaluated the behavior of kinship foster children in comparison to non-relative foster children in the general population.


 Discusses kinship foster care and its impact on grandmother caregivers. The study explains the history and goals of kinship foster care as well as programs for kin caregivers.


Compares the characteristics of relative and non-relative foster families and the role perceptions of relative and non-relative foster parents.

Presents a study, which focused on children in formal kinship care who were placed out-of-home care by court order. A conceptual framework is proposed for identifying subgroups of children in kinship care placements.


Describes a longitudinal study of permanency planning for all of the 525 children placed in kinship foster care in Erie County, New York, in 1991.


Contrasts a group of informal kinship care providers with two “formal” kinship care groups, examining similarities and differences in child and caregiver demographics and service needs.


Reviews a case management approach in working effectively with relatives as foster parents.


Presents a framework for assessing kinship homes that differs from traditional family foster home evaluation.


Compares characteristics and outcomes of kinship and traditional foster homes.


Provides a comprehensive look at the elements that indicate quality of care in kinship and nonrelated foster homes, highlighting the philosophical reasons for providing quality care and the theoretical underpinnings of kinship care.

Examines whether correspondences between parent and teacher ratings of problem behaviors exhibited in school and home by youths differ by kinship and non-kinship foster care status.


Presents research that utilizes multiple methods and data sources on relative placements in Houston, Texas to explore disruption rates for potentially permanent kinship placements and barriers to achieving permanency with relatives.


Describes efforts under way in Illinois to improve permanency outcomes for children in formal kinship care.


Examines the issue of permanency planning goals for children in kinship care with a case plan of adoption, and measures the perceptions of kinship parents and caseworkers about these adoptions.


Suggests that the application of mediation to conflicts in agency-kinship family relationships can serve as yet another step in social workers’ efforts to provide culturally relevant child welfare services.


Contains articles about kinship care policy, research in kinship care, best practice in kinship care, and kinship support and advocacy.


Examines the relationship between the growth in the foster care population and the rate of placement, and describes the increase in the number of children placed in relative care.


Examines predictors of maltreatment of children living in family foster care.
**Legal/ Policy Issues**


Includes background information about families headed by relatives, their continuum of needs, ability to access services, use of TANF funds for financial supports, access to educational enrollment, medical treatment, and affordable and adequate housing.


Offers an overview of welfare reform legislation in California and provides data on the size and characteristics of older adult households on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) in that state.


Examines the U.S. Supreme Court Troxel v. Granville case and concludes that grandparent visitation statutes should survive.


Discusses how public policies and implementation systems involving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and other benefit programs can be adapted toward improving the lives of grandfamilies.


Seven articles by attorneys, social workers and the aging network help explain the complicated emotional, stressful and yet joyful picture of grandparents and their grandchildren.


Provides information on legal and financial issues of grandparent caregivers.


Reports on child welfare agencies’ consideration of kin as the first placement choice when foster care is needed and kin can provide a safe home.

Reports state responses to the growing number of grandparent/relative caregivers.


Discusses kinship care and the practice of arranging and financing the foster placement of abused and neglected children with relatives.


Presents a case study of the development of kinship care policy in Illinois. Implications for kinship care and child welfare policies in the United States are presented.


Provides a brief history of children raised by relatives and examines the welfare eligibility of these families, emphasizing changes under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996.


Focuses on government expectations of family relationships by describing state legislation regarding grandparents.


Based on a study of kinship care policies in five states – New York, Colorado, Texas, California, and Illinois – this article proposes a conceptual framework for analyzing kinship care policy that uses five new permanency outcomes.


Gives profiles and reasons for grandparents raising children as well as suggestions for supportive public policies.

Explains the rise in visibility of the issue of grandparents raising children, identifies the challenges for grandparent-headed families, and explores public policies and programs emerging to assist such families.


Examines the needs suggested by the stories of a primarily white-middle class grandparent sample and compares these needs with the policy/program development needs suggested by those who studied black grandparent caregivers.


Focuses on the legal problems faced by grandparent and other kinship caregivers. The article addresses the increase in kinship caregiving, the legal authority to make caregiving decisions, financial support for kinship care, housing problems, and options for permanent care.


Examines the evolution of policies affecting kinship caregivers based on data from a 1999 national survey of state child welfare administrators, a follow-up survey to one conducted in 1997.


Provides a brief review of the demographics of grandparent caregiving and explores several of the sociological contexts that help situate and explain the meaning and significance of such caregiving.


Focuses on the impact of welfare reform on grandparents raising grandchildren in California and presents the findings of a qualitative study conducted in 1997 in California.

Discusses the problems and challenges being faced by grandparent-headed households in the United States as well as the public policy areas aimed at alleviating problems faced by these families such as subsidized guardianships and housing policies.


Reviews how visitation laws have evolved toward more expansive rights for grandparents that reduce the parents’ relative legal authority.


Explains the special case of grandparents raising grandchildren through a review of demographics, outcomes for children in grandparent foster care, and the impact of raising grandchildren on grandparents.

**Mental/ Physical Health of Caregivers**


Examines depression and health of grandmothers who co-resided with grandchildren in 1997 through two cohorts of women.


Examines parenting stress, depression, parenting satisfaction and perceptions of child behavior in custodial grandmothers seeking outpatient services for grandchildren ages three to twelve.


Compares the mental and physical health of caregiving and noncaregiving grandmothers within the context of several other key demographic variables.

Presents the findings of a Parenting Stress Index and Child Behavior Checklist completed by grandparents and parents raising children.


Assesses caregiver stress in grandparents raising grandchildren as well as the antecedents to the child's placement with the grandparents.


Presents results from a study that investigates predictors of psychological distress in grandmother kinship care providers, specifically social support, family resources, and physical health.


Describes the results of an exploratory study of a multimodal, home-based intervention designed to reduce psychological stress, improve physical and mental health, and strengthen the social support and resources of grandparents raising grandchildren.


Study compares the functional and self-rated health of grandparents raising grandchildren with that of noncaregiving grandparents.


Compares the physical, mental, and functional health status of grandparents providing extensive care to grandchildren with that of custodial grandparents, noncaregivers, and two categories of less intensive care providers.


Assesses the effect of undertaking custodial care of a grandchild on grandparents' depression levels and determines what characteristics are associated with higher depression levels among caregiving grandparents.

Results from a study examining changes, over 10 months, in self-assessed health, depression, anxiety, stress, coping and support in a convenience sample of 74 grandmothers with either primary or partial responsibility for their grandchildren's care.


Presents selected findings from an exploratory study of the experience of 71 African-American women raising their grandchildren because of the crack epidemic.


Examines the relationship between sociodemographic factors, stressors, and resources, and the perception of stress by grandparents caring for their grandchildren.


Discusses a study of 129 grandparents raising their grandchildren examines the extent to which social supports relate to the grandparents’ stress/ anxiety.


Presents findings of a study in which 123 caregiving grandmothers were interviewed. Findings suggest that some grandmothers are at risk for mental health symptoms and raise questions about the implications for women caring for grandchildren.


Presents the results from a study assessing whether grandchildren moving into or out of grandparents' households affects grandparents' depressive symptoms and life satisfaction, and whether such effects vary by gender or race.

Presents the findings of in depth interviews conducted with 54 grandparent caregivers. The study identified the need for additional research about interventions for the stress and coping responses of grandparent caregivers.


Describes the physical and mental health status and behaviors of 100 African American grandmothers who are the primary caregivers for their grandchildren.

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**TRAINING MANUALS & CURRICULA**

This section contains training manuals for support group leaders and other professionals working with grandparents and other relatives raising children.


This manual contains outlines for six workshops for relatives raising children, with handouts and supplementary materials.

Contains six learning units that focus on the development of knowledge and skills in facilitating permanency for children in kinship foster care.


Manual is a 14-session workshop designed to help grandparents who are raising their grandchildren alone. Topics include: useful tips on how to communicate effectively with grandchildren on issues ranging from drugs to sex to sexually transmitted diseases; helping grandchildren learn how to deal with loss and abandonment; helping them develop and maintain self-esteem; dealing with special behavioral problems; and instilling and maintaining rules in the home.


This curriculum focuses on critical issues, such as increasing grandparent well-being, effective discipline techniques, normal child/adolescent development, legal issues, and the importance of using networks.


Contains agendas and handouts for eight sessions on the important role of parenting and the importance of the relationship between co-parents.


Provides background preparation for conducting a series of workshops for grandparents who are raising grandchildren. Background includes identifying grandparents who are raising their grandchildren, workshop design and format, scheduling workshops, facilitating sessions, set up and preparation, and conducting the session. Includes a bibliography. Workshops feature negotiating with the systems/bureaucracies, what to consider and where to find help, your grandchildren's education, discipline and behavior, surviving the teen years, helping your grandchildren's parents to cope, and sample outreach materials.


Includes a facilitator’s guidebook and video which cover four segments on becoming a kinship family, issues kinship families face, resources for kinship families and taking action.

Nine kinship caregiver forums that promote permanence for children in kinship care by addressing system barriers and developing practice models, case planning, and review mechanisms that are culturally responsive and support family continuity.


Contains agendas and handouts for eight meetings that explore the role of the grandparent, grandparent’s rights, issues facing children who have lost one or both parents or whose parents can no longer care for them, special needs children, and other issues.


This curriculum is designed to help professionals better understand formal and informal kinship care and be responsive to kinship structures and belief systems of the extended family. Particularly helpful for professionals, working across cultural boundaries.


A six-workshop curriculum about developing support groups and the recruitment of caregivers to workshop topics.


This volume builds on the above curriculum and includes additional issues including the health of grandparent caregivers, socialization needs of grandparents, preparing grandchildren to leave the home of their grandparents, and how to work with the Kinship Foster Care System.

New York State Office for the Aging. *Help for grandparents raising children with developmental disabilities: A workshop series to help you cope*. 
A curriculum designed to help grandparents meet the challenges they face when caring for one or more children with developmental disabilities. Developed with the aid of a grant from the NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.


A manual designed to help start support groups for grandparents and other relatives raising children and to help prepare these groups for the issues they may encounter.


Draft copy of curriculum materials. Prepared with a grant from the Brookdale Foundation.


This manual assists grandparent and other relative caregivers as well as social service organizations in starting and/or maintaining a support group by providing some broad contact information and encouraging manual users to develop their own list of local resources.
POPULAR PRESS

This section contains articles from 1989 to 2002 about grandparents and other relatives raising children that appeared in national press, as well as a random selection of state and local press.


Focuses on grandparents who have become parents to their grandchildren. Reasons including abandonment of children and complaints of the grandparents such as isolation from social peers.


Highlights the losses and successes of the grandparent-headed families’ struggle to gain respect and support.


Describes the new housing project, GrandFamilies House in Boston, MA the first public housing built for grandparents raising grandchildren.


GrandFamilies House in Boston is introduced as the first-of-its-kind public housing venture for grandparents raise their children’s children.


Describes Wisconsin’s goal to “end welfare” and its burden on grandparents raising their grandchildren.


Discusses increasing numbers of grandparents raising grandchildren and the increased political attention it has received.

Provides varying state laws concerning grandparents visitation rights.


Offers an action agenda for the local and national level to support grandparents raising grandchildren.


Cites U.S. Census Bureau data on rising numbers of grandparents raising grandchildren from 1997 census and their implications.


Describes Project Healthy Grandparents, one of the most comprehensive programs in the nation for grandparents who parent their grandchildren run by Georgia State University.


Addresses the major problems, appropriate responses, and sources of help for grandparents raising grandchildren.


Story of a Washington, D.C. resident great-aunt raising her three great-grandnieces.


Story of Rockville, MD Grandmother, Jo Power who raises her grandson. Also offers resources for grandparents raising grandchildren.


Points out various legal, health, education, and housing issues facing grandparents raising grandchildren.


Highlights Mary Fron, the creator of the clearinghouse Raising Our Children’s Kids: An Intergenerational Network of Grandparenting (ROCKING).

Identifies the issues surrounding grandparents raising grandchildren through the voices of grandfamily members.


An article highlighting several grandparents’ unexpected joys and sorrows of raising their grandchildren.


Cover story on the Troxel v. Granville case, where the Troxels (paternal grandparents of two girls) are suing the mother, Tommie Granville for visitation rights with their granddaughters. The court must decide whether the grandparents have the right to spend time with their grandchildren, even when parents object.


Article about GrandFamilies House in Boston, MA.


Story of two grandparent couples denied custody of their grandsons.


Story of actor George Kennedy and his wife Joan who raised their granddaughter. Also refers to resources and legal issues surrounding grandparents raising grandchildren.


Recognizes the phenomenon of grandparents raising grandchildren and points to the relationship between crack cocaine as a prevalent factor leading to this situation. Lists census numbers, problems, and resources for these families.


Article in the *Kid’s Post* about a young girl being raised by her grandparents. Provides simple question and answer facts surrounding the issue.

Cites a growing share of the total welfare caseload in the U.S. is made up of children who receive aid when their parents do not. Authors refer to “country club grandmothers” who care for grandchildren as being spoiled by child-only funds.


Reports on the June 5, 2000 Supreme Court ruling that a state law allowing court-ordered visitation rights for grandparents and others is unconstitutionally broad and infringes on the parents’ right to make decisions about their children.
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WEBSITES

This section contains websites of national organizations that provide useful information on grandparenting issues.

**Grandparents And Other Relative Raising Children**

**AARP - Grandparent Information Center**
601 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20049
(202) 434-2296
[http://www.aarp.org/confacts/programs/gic.html](http://www.aarp.org/confacts/programs/gic.html)
Database of local support groups, newsletters, and useful publications.

[http://www.aarp.org/confacts/money/tanf.html](http://www.aarp.org/confacts/money/tanf.html)
Information on welfare reform and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Act (PRA) and what grandparents and advocates should know about TANF (The Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Program.

**Brookdale Center on Aging**
**Grandparent Caregiver Law Center**
1114 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036
(646) 366-1000
The Grandparent Caregiver Law Center at the Brookdale Center on Aging of Hunter College offers a page on with a law chart for grandparents and professionals as well as a free grandparent caregiver guide that can be downloaded free of charge.

**The Brookdale Foundation Group**
126 East 56th Street
New York, NY 10022-3668
(212) 308-7355
Offers information on Brookdale’s Relatives As Parents Program (RAPP), which provides seed grants to support local and state agencies serving grandparents and other kin who have become the primary caregivers of their grandchildren.

**Casey National Center for Resource Family Support**
1808 Eye St. NW 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 467-4441
Toll-free: (888) 295-6727
[www.casey.org/cnc](http://www.casey.org/cnc)
Provides a variety of resources: fact sheets, useful contacts for every state, handbooks and toolkits, overviews and lists of resources for specific topics, policy analysis and more for foster care, adoptive and kinship care families.

**Children of Alcoholics Foundation**
164 W. 74th Street
Provides suggestions, tips, and strategies on what to say to the children of addicted parents and how to prevent the cycle from repeating itself. Topics include: talking about alcohol and drugs with kids, dealing with the substance abusing parent, coping with kids' behavior problems, coping with your own feelings, myths and facts about substance abuse and information about the *Ties That Bind Project*.

**Children’s Defense Fund**  
25 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 628-8787  
[www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)  
**Offers links to State by State Kinship Care Fact Sheets and Healthy Ties: The Grandparent’s and Other Relative Caregiver’s Guide to Health Insurance for Children,** which provides answers to questions about Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

**Child Welfare League of America**  
440 First Street, NW 3rd Floor  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 638-2952  
[www.cwla.org](http://www.cwla.org)  
Contains a Kinship Care in Child Welfare page that contains services, initiatives and publications for kinship foster families. Also provides information on kinship adoption, financial resources, substance abuse, stress management and advocacy for kinship families.

**Family Support Coalition of America**  
20 North Wacker Dr. Suite 1100  
Chicago, IL 60606  
(312) 338-0900  
[http://frca.org/](http://frca.org/)  
Identifies and connects individuals and organizations that have contact with kinship families, provides technical assistance, training, education, and publications.

**Generations United**  
**National Center on Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children**  
122 C Street, NW – Suite 820  
Washington, DC 20001-2085  
(202) 638-1263  
[http://www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org)  
Contains an extensive kinship care section that highlights innovative programs, federal and state legislation, legal options, public benefits, support groups and additional resources for grandparents and other relatives raising children.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**  
University of Wisconsin-Extension  
Cooperative Extension Web Team
http://www.uwex.edu/
Offers grandparents raising grandchildren opportunities to share information, find answers to questions, and learn about resources. Also provides information on legal and financial issues.

**Grandparents Resource Center**
P.O. Box 27064
Denver, Co 80227
(303) 980-5707
http://grc4usa.org/
Provides information for families about the process of obtaining custody of children in foster care.

**Grandparents United for Children’s Rights**
137 Larkin Street
Madison, WI 53705
(608) 238-8751 or (608) 236-0480
(608-238-8751 Fax
http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Prairie/6866/
Contains information and resources for grandparents and the agencies and individuals who serve them.

**National Alliance for Caregiving**
4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 642
Bethesda, MD 20814
http://www.caregiving.org/
Provides support for family caregivers and connects families with information on caregiver resources and local services.

**National Network for Family Resiliency**
http://www.cyfernet.org/parent/inter.html
Offers an extensive listing of resources for consumers, professionals and researchers on grandparents raising grandchildren. Includes sections on coping with stress, financial and legal issues and parenting.

**ARCH National Resource Center for Respite and Crisis Care Services**
800 Eastowne Drive, Suite 105
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
http://www.chtop.com/ARCH/index.htm
Contains fact sheets on respite issues for grandparent caregivers.

**New York State Citizens’ Coalition for Children, Inc.**
306 East State St., Suite 220
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 272-0034
http://nysccc.org/
Offers information about the Coalition, the services it offers and issues of interest to grandparents and their advocates.

**Off Our Rockers...Grandparents Being Parents, Again!**
http://www.sonic.net/thom
Offers a newsletter as well as information for grandparent caregivers and advocates with links to grandparent related sites.

**Parenting Toolbox**  
Contains articles and newsletters for grandparents raising grandchildren.

**The Urban Institute**  
2100 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20037  
(202) 833-7200  
[www.urbaninstitute.org](http://www.urbaninstitute.org)  
Provides a broad range of kinship care related topics such as child welfare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, housing and welfare reform.

### General Grandparenting

**The Foundation For Grandparenting**  
108 Farnham Rd,  
Ojai, CA 93023  
[http://www.grandparenting.org/](http://www.grandparenting.org/)  
Dedicated to raising grandparent consciousness and grandparent identity through education, research, programs, communication and networking.

**The Grandparents Forum**  
A site where grandparents may post and read messages from other grandparents.

**GrandsPlace**  
154 Cottage Rd  
Enfield CT 06082  
(860) 763-5789  
Provides information for grandparents and others relatives raising children.

**GrandsRuS**  
For grandparents and others raising children. This website lists support groups and grandparents rights groups.

**Grand Times**  
Celebrates life's opportunities and examines life's challenges.

**4Grandfather**  
[http://www.4grandfather.com/](http://www.4grandfather.com/)  
A website devoted to grandfathers.
**4Grandmother**  
[http://4grandmother.4anything.com/4/0,1001,422,00.html](http://4grandmother.4anything.com/4/0,1001,422,00.html)  
A website devoted to grandmothers.

### Legal and Tax Assistance

**AARP Tax Aide Program**  
(888) AARP NOW  
[http://www.aarp.org/taxaide/](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide/)  
Online tax counseling.

**American Bar Association**  
**Center on Children and Law**  
1800 M. Street, NW, #200 South  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 662-1720  
[http://www.abanet.org/child/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/child/home.html)  
Contains a section on Child Welfare Law tips.

**American Bar Association**  
**Lawyer Referral Directory Service**  
(312) 988-5522  
[http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/contact.html](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/contact.html)  
Access to a listing of local state lawyer referral services.

**Legal Services Corporation**  
750 First Street NE, Tenth Floor  
Washington, DC 20002-4250  
(202) 336-8800  
[www.lsc.gov](http://www.lsc.gov)  
Contains a map of Legal Services Corporation-funded programs in each state. Each program provides civil legal assistance for those who would be otherwise unable to afford legal counsel.

**Legal Services for Prisoners with Children**  
Grandparent Caregivers: A National Guide. This template can be used by lawyers/advocates to develop resource guides for their states. Site has links to state laws.

### Government Websites

**Administration on Aging**  
Provides information on implementing the National Family Caregiver Support Program.
Administration for Children and Families
370 L’Enfant Promenade SW
Washington, DC 20447
To find contact information on your state Human Services Administrator, go to:
http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ofa/hs_dir2.htm
http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ofa/
Provides information about TANF Child-Only grants.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850
(410) 786-3000
Medicaid/Medicare Hotline
(800) 638-6833
http://cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/
Provides information about the Medicare, Medicaid and Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) programs.

Children’s Bureau
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/
Provides information on a range of child welfare services including child protective services (child abuse and neglect) family preservation and support, foster care, adoption and independent living.

Social Security Administration
http://www.ssa.gov/
Information on Social Security benefits including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Survivors, Retirement and Disability.

State Children’s Health Insurance Program
http://cms.hhs.gov/schip/
Provides CHIP state plan information, enrollment information, outreach and regulations.