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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.

Central Illinois Agency on Aging. *RAPP celebration day.* (Available from Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc. 700 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria, IL 611603 (309) 674-2071).

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

Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc. *Grandparents and other relatives as parents.* (Available from Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc. 700 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria, IL 611603 (309) 674-2071).

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-Mecklenberg Senior Center. *Charlotte-Mecklenberg 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.

Curt Worden Group (Producer). (1999). *Grandparents raising grandchildren. ABC News/ Nightline.* (Available from the Curt Worden Group, (800) 532-2739).

A news segment originally shown on national television.

Family Center. *A gift for my children.* (Available from 66 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007, (212) 766-4522, Ext 10).

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.

Hauptman, H. (Producer) (1995). *Grandparents raising grandchildren*. (Available from Terra Nova Films, 9848 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago, IL 60643, (773) 881-8491).

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.

Lending, T. (Director). (2000). *Legacy*. (Available from ETHNO Pictures, 4516 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 478-9594).

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.

Ortiz/Simon Productions. *Divided loyalties.* (Available from Aquarius Productions, 5 Powderhouse Lane, Sherborn, MA 01770, (508) 651-2963).

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

Paige, J. (1998). *Grandma's hands.* (Available from Creative Differences Media 720 Kains Ave., Albany, CA 94706 (510) 559-8474).

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

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

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.

Prout, L. *Breaking the cycle of despair: Children of incarcerated mothers.* (Available from the Women's Prison Association, 110 2nd Avenue, NY, NY 10003 (212) 674-1163, Ext. 47).

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

Seretean, T. (Producer & Director). (2000). *Big mama*. (Available from HSP HBO Studio Productions, 120A East 23 Street, New York, NY 10010 (212) 512-7800).

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

Terra Nova Films (1999). *Surrounded by love: Grandparents raising grandchildren*. (Available from Terra Nova Films, 9848 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 (773) 881-8491).

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

University of Illinois at Springfield Television Office (1998). *Going to grandma's house ... to live*. (Available from Parent Place at St. John's Hospital, 2211 Wasbash Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704 (217) 546-5257).

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

Vidlak, L. M. (1997). *Raising grandkids: A love story*. (Available from Vidlak/Nebraska ETV Network. Good Earth Productions, 15700 South 120th Street, Bennet, NE 68317, (402) 782-2074).

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

Washington State Aging and Adult Services Administration and the Pacific Northwest Coalition of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. *Living with grandma*. (Available from P.O. Box 4560, Olympia, WA 98504 (360) 725-2556).

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

AARP Grandparent Information Center. (1997). *Radio PSAs.* (Available from AARP Grandparent Information Center, 601 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20049, (202) 434-2296).

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

AARP Grandparent Information Center. (1996). *AARP grandparent information center: Grandparents day, 1996.* (Available from AARP GIC, 601 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20049, (202) 434-2296).

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

Civitas Initiative. (2001). *Grandparenting: Enriching lives – An essential guide for today's grandparents.* (Available from AARP, 601 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20049, (202) 434-2296).

Thirty-minute video, hosted by Maya Angelou, focuses on the important grandparent, parent and child relationships.

BOOKS

This section contains books that cover caregiving and general grandparenting issues.

Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children

Berrick, J., Needell, B., & Barth, R. (1999). *Kin as a family and child welfare resource. Kinship Foster Care: Policy, Practice and Research.* Oxford Press.

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.

Christian, S. & Ekman, L. (2000). *A place to call home – Adoption and guardianship for children in foster care.* Washington, DC: National Conference of State Legislatures.

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.

Cox, C. B. (Ed.) (2000). *To grandmother's house we go and stay – Perspectives on custodial grandparents.* New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company, Inc.

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

Crumbley, J. & Little, R. (Eds.) (1997). *Relatives raising children – An overview of kinship care.* Washington, DC: CWLA Press.

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.

Doucette-Dudman, D. & LaCure, J. (1996). *Raising our children's children.* Minneapolis, MN: Fairview Press.

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

Geballe, S., Gruendel, J., and Andiman, W. (1995). *Forgotten children of the AIDS epidemic.* New Haven, CT: Yale University press.

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.

Hayslip, B., Jr. & Goldberg-Glen, R. (Eds.) (2000). *Grandparents raising grandchildren – Theoretical, empirical, and clinical perspectives*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company, Inc.

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.

Holman, W. D. (2001). *Reaching for integrity: An Eriksonian life-cycle perspective on the experience of adolescents being raised by grandparents*. Human Sciences Press, Inc.

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.

Levine, C. & Stein, G. L. (1994). *Orphans of the HIV epidemic, unmet needs in six U.S. cities*. New York, NY: The Orphan Project.

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.

Levine, C. (Ed.). (1993). *A death in the family: Orphans of the HIV epidemic*. New York, NY: Publications Program, United Hospital Fund of New York.

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

Melina, L. R. & Roszia, S. K. *The open adoption experience*. New York: Harper Collins.

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

Minkler, M. (1993). *Forgotten caregivers: Grandmothers raising the children of the crack cocaine epidemic*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

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

Pecora, P., Le Prohn, N., & Nasuti, J. (1999). Role perceptions of kinship and other foster parents in family foster care. *Kinship Foster Care: Policy, Practice and Research*, Oxford University Press.

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

Poe, L. M. (1992). *Black Grandparents As Parents*. Berkeley, CA: Self-Publish.

Explores the enormous adjustments that grandparents must make as they struggle to prevent their grandchildren from repeating the same self-destructive cycle as their parents who are primarily victims of the crack cocaine epidemic.

Reeder-bey, V. & Monic Wilburn, A. *My grandma has AIDS, Annisha's story*. Philadelphia, PA: Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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

Williams, D. (2000). *Grandparents – Raising our children's children*. Moscow, ID: Agricultural Publications, University of Idaho.

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

Woodworth, Renee S. (1996). *I like being safe and loved*. Washington, DC: AARP Grandparent Information Center.

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

General Grandparenting

Endicott, I. (1994). *Grandparenting by grace – A guide through the joys and struggles*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

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

Endicott, I. (1992). *Grandparenting redefined – Guidance for today's changing family*. Lynnwood, WA: Aglow Publications.

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.

Fridstein, M. (1997). *Grandparenting: A survival guide – How to better understand yourself, your children, and your children's children*. Glenwood Springs, CO: Tagueh Press.

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.

Gutowski, C. (1994). *Grandparents are forever*. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press.

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

Kornhaber, A. (1986). *Between parents and grandparents*. New York, NY: St. Martin's Press.

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.

Kornhaber, A. (1996). *Contemporary grandparenting*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

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

Kornhaber, A. & Woodward, K. (1981). *Grandparents/ Grandchildren – The vital connection*. Garden City, NY: Anchor Press.

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

Kornhaber, A. & Forsyth, S. (1994). *Grandparent power! – How to strengthen the vital connection among grandparents, parents, and children*. New York, NY: Crown Publishers, Inc.

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.

Westheimer, R. & Kaplan, S. (1998). *Grandparenthood*. New York, NY: Routledge.

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

Westheimer, R. & Lehu, P. (1997). *Dr. Ruth talks about grandparents – Advice for kids on making the most of a special relationship*. New York, NY: Farrar Straus Giroux.

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

Zullo, K. & A. (1998). *The nanas and the papas – A boomers' guide to grandparenting*. Kansas City, KS: Andrews McMeel Publishing.

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.

REPORTS BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS & UNIVERSITIES

This section contains general reports prepared by non-profit organizations and universities about grandparents and other relatives raising children.

AARP Grandparent Information Center. (1997). *AARP grandparent information center evaluation report*. Washington, DC: AARP Grandparent Information Center.

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.

Aging Law & Policy Program of The Government Law Center. (1995). *Grandparents as caregivers: The legal, economic, social, and policy issues of kinship care*. Albany, NY: Government Law Center, Albany Law School.

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

Beeman, S., Wattenberg, E., Boisen, L., & Bullerdick, S. (1996). *Kinship foster care in Minnesota*. Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota School of Social Work.

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

Berrick, J. & Needell, B. (1999). Recent trends in kinship care, public policy, payments and outcomes for children. In P.A. Curtis, D. Grady & J. Kendall (Eds). *The foster care crisis: Translating research into practice and policy*. Washington, DC: Child Welfare League of America and University of Nebraska Press, 152-174.

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

Berrick, J. Needell, B., & Barth, R. (1995). *Kinship Care in California: An empirically-based curriculum: Executive summary*.

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

Billing, A., Ehrle, J. & Kortenkamp, K. (2002). *Children cared for by relatives: What do we know about their well-being?* Washington, DC: Urban Institute. (Paper B-46).

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

Bissell, M. & Allen, M. (2001). *Healthy ties: Ensuring health coverage for children raised by grandparents and other relatives – A look at Medicaid and CHIP enrollment in the states.* Washington, DC: Children's Defense Fund.

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.

Chalfie, D. (1994). *Going It Alone; A closer look at grandparents parenting grandchildren.* Washington, DC: American Association of Retired Persons.

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.

Child Welfare League of America, Inc. (1994). *Kinship care – A natural bridge.* Washington, DC: CWLA Press.

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.

Cornerstone Consulting Group, Inc. (1999). *Child welfare waivers: Promising directions missed – missed opportunities.* Houston, TX: Cornerstone Consulting Group, Inc.

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

Cornerstone Consulting Group, Inc. (2001). *Guardianship: Another place called home.* Houston, TX: Cornerstone Consulting Group, Inc.

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.

Davis, E. (1999). *The Harlem hospital center grandparents program: A model of medical support services*. New York, NY: Harlem Hospital Center Grandparents Program.

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

Downing, K. (1998). *Grandparents raising grandchildren: Spring/summer 1998 survey*. Cincinnati, OH: Institute for Policy Research, University of Cincinnati.

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

Dubowitz, H. (1990). *The physical and mental and educational status of children placed with relatives, final report*. University of Maryland Medical School.

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

Ehrle, J. & Geen, R. (2002). *Children cared for by relatives: What services do they need?* Washington, DC: Urban Institute (Paper B-47).

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.

Ehrle, J., Geen, R., & Clark, R. (2001). *Children cared for by relatives: Who are they and how are they faring?* *New Federalism – National Survey of America's Families, Series B, No. B-28, 1-7*.

Policy brief on services for children in kinship care.

Fuller-Thomson, E. & Minkler, M. (2002). *Housing issues and realities facing grandparent caregivers who are renters*. Unpublished.

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.

Geen, R., Water Boots, S. & Tumlin, K. (1999). *The cost of protecting vulnerable children: Understanding federal, state and local child welfare spending*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute (Paper No. 20).

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.

Generations United. (1998). *Grandparents and other relatives raising children: Background papers from Generations United's expert symposium.* Washington, DC: Generations United.

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

Gottlieb, A., Silverstein, N., Bruner- Canhoto, L. B. & Montgomery, S. (2000). *Life at GrandFamilies House: The first six months.* Boston, Massachusetts: Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts.

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

Kelley, S. J., Yorker, B. C., Whitley, D., & Sipe, T. A. (2001). *A multimodal intervention for grandparents raising grandchildren: Results of a pilot study.*

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.

Merkel-Holguin, L. (1996). *Children who lose their parents to HIV/AIDS – Agency guidelines for adoptive and kinship placement.* Washington, DC: CWLA Press.

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

Minkler, M. *Grandparents & Other Relatives Raising Children: Characteristics, Needs, Best Practices, & Implications for the Aging Network.* Available from: <http://www.aoa.gov/carenetwork/minklermonograph.html>.

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.

Mullen, F. (1995). *A tangled web: Public benefits, grandparents, and grandchildren.* Washington, DC: Public Policy Institute, AARP.

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.

Leos-Urbel, J., Bess, R., & Geen, R. (2000). *Discussion papers: State policies for assessing and supporting kinship foster parents*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute.

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

O'Hare, W. P., et al. (1995). *Kids count data book: State profiles of child well-being*. Baltimore, MD: The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

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.

Onama, M. (1991). *Kinship foster care: Preliminary findings and implications*. New York, NY: Edwin Gould Services for Children.

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

Peterson, D. (1997). *The effect of race in kinship support: A meta-analysis*. Department of Sociology and Social Work, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. Paper submitted to the American Sociological Association Meetings in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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.

Silverstein, N. M. & Vehvilainen, L. (1998). *Raising awareness about grandparents raising grandchildren in Massachusetts*. Boston, MA: Gerontology Institute and Center, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

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.

Slane, C. H. III. *Grandparenting: Changing role in a changing society*. Tampa, FL: Family First.

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.

Takas, M. (1994). *Kinship care and family preservation: Options for states in legal and policy development*. Washington, DC: American Bar Association.

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.

The National Resource Center for Permanency Planning (1995). *Kinship care forum at the University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois*. New York, NY: Hunter College School of Social Work.

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.

Troope, M. (Ed). (2000). *Best practices report to the center for mental health services: Behavioral health models for relative caregivers and the children they raise*. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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.

Tulsa Area Agency on Aging. (1999). *Grandparents raising grandchildren and other relatives as parents conference III*. Tulsa, OK: Tulsa AAA.

A report from the 1999 grandparents raising grandchildren Tulsa conference.

Wallace, G. *The dilemma of kinship care: Grandparents as guardians, custodians, and caregivers - Options for reform*. Albany, NY: Government Law Center of Albany Law School.

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.

Waters Boots, S. & Geen, R. (2000). *Family care or foster care? How state policies affect kinship caregivers*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute. (No. A-34).

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

Wulczyn, F. H. *Foster care dynamics 1983-1994; California, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New York and Texas*. Chicago, IL: The Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago.

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.

Wulczyn, F. H., Harden, A. W., & George, R. M. (1997). *An update from the multistate foster care data archive, foster care dynamics 1983-1994*. Chicago, IL: The Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago.

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.

Zimmerman, E., Daykin, D., Moore, V, Wu, C., & Li, J. (1998). *Kinship and non-kinship foster care in New York City: Pathways and outcomes*. New York, NY: United Way of New York City.

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.

Zuravin, S., Benedict, M. & Stallings, R. (1999). *The adult functioning of former kinship and nonrelative foster care children. Kinship Foster Care: Policy, Practice, and Research*.

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.

Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, & Youth and Families Children's Bureau. (2000). *Report to the congress on kinship foster care. Part I: Research review, Part II: Secretary's report to the congress.* Washington, DC: United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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.

Bryson, K. (2001). *New census bureau data on grandparents raising grandchildren.* Paper presented at a Generations United Congressional Staff Briefing, Washington, DC: Generations United.

Report based on 2000 census data and its implications for grandparents raising grandchildren.

Bryson, K., Casper, L. M. (1999). *Coresident grandparents and grandchildren.* Washington, DC: Current Population Reports, Special Studies, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, Bureau of the Census.

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.

California Department of Social Services. (1996). *California policy summit on kinship care: Summary report.* Sacramento, CA: California Department of Social Services.

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

Casper, L. & Bryson, K. (1998). *Coresident grandparents and their grandchildren: Grandparent maintained families.* Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau. (Working Paper Series No. 26).

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.

Chamberland, M. *Outstanding kinship caregiver support groups: A model of what “works” in Connecticut.* Hartford, CT: State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services, Elderly Service Division.

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.

Chipungu, S., Everett, J., Verduik, M. & Jones, J. (1998). *Children placed in foster care with relatives: A multi-state study.* Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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.

City of New York, Office of the Mayor. (1993). *Family assets: Kinship foster care in New York City.* New York, NY: The City of New York, Office of the Mayor.

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.

Cook, R. & Ciarico, J. (1998). *National study of protective, preventive and reunification services delivered to children and their families.* Unpublished analysis of kinship care data contained in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children’s Bureau.

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

General Accounting Office. (1997). *Foster care: State efforts to improve the permanency planning process show some promise.* (GAO/HEHS-97-73). Washington, DC: U.S. General Accounting Office.

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.

General Accounting Office. (1999). *Foster care: Kinship care quality and permanency issues* (GAO/HEHS-99-32). Washington, DC: U.S. General Accounting Office.

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.

Grandparent Resource Center. (1993). *Unplanned parenthood: Grandparents raising grandchildren: A summary of the Mayor's conference.* New York, NY: Office of Public Affairs, New York City Dept. for the Aging.

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

Grandparent Resource Center. (1995). *Unplanned parenthood: Grandparents raising grandchildren: A summary of the Mayor's conference.* New York, NY: Office of Public Affairs, New York City Dept. for the Aging.

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

Harden, A., Clark, R. & Maguire, K. (1997). *Informal and Formal Kinship Care: Vol I: Narrative Reports; Vol. II: Tables and Figures* (ASPE Task Order HHS-100-95-0021). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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.

Kusserow, R. (1992). *State practices in using relatives for foster care.* Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General.

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

Kusserow, R. (1992). *Using relatives for foster care.* Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General.

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.

National Adoption Information Clearinghouse. *Keeping the family tree intact through kinship care.* Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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.

Shaver, M. (1998). *Grandparents raising grandchildren: A family challenge*. Springfield, IL: Illinois Department of Aging.

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

Stukes Chipungu, S., Everett, J. E., & Verdieck, M. J. (1998). *Children placed in foster care with relatives: a multi-state study, final report*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (1998). *Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)*.

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.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, (2000). *Understanding the AFDC/TANF child-only caseload: Policies, composition and characteristics in three states*. Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services.

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (1997). *Adoption 2002: A response to the presidential executive memorandum on adoption*. Washington, DC: USDHHS.

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.

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. (1997). *Informal and Formal Kinship Care*. (HHS-100-95-0021). Washington, DC: United States Department of Health and Human Services/HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation Division of Youth and Policy.

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.

U.S. House of Representatives. *Grandparents rights: A resource manual.* (Comm. Pub. No. 102-98). Washington, DC: Subcommittee on Human Services of the Select Committee on Aging.

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

White House Conference on Aging (1996). *Road to an Aging Policy for the 21st Century: Final Report.* Washington, DC.

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.

AARP & Generations United. (2000). *State laws and regulations affecting grandparent and other relative-headed families.* Washington, DC: AARP.

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

AARP & Generations United. (2000). *State laws governing grandparent and other third-party visitation with children.* Washington, DC: AARP.

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

AARP Grandparent Information Center. (1995). *Tips for grandparents: Finding help untangling the web of public programs.* Washington, DC: AARP.

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

AARP Grandparent Information Center. (1995). *Tips for grandparents: Raising healthy children.* Washington, DC: AARP.

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

AARP Grandparent Information Center. (1995). *Tips for grandparents: Starting a support group.* Washington, DC: AARP.

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

Baum, A. N. (1991). *Kids 'n' kin: A handbook for relative caregivers.* Philadelphia, PA: Philadelphia Society for Services to Children.

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.

Beltran, A. (2001). *Grandparents and other relatives raising children: Grassroots concerns and solutions from across the United States*. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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.

Beltran, A. (2001). *A guide to the National Family Caregiver Support Program and its inclusion of grandparents and other relatives raising children*. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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

Brookdale Center on Aging. *Glossary of terms, concepts and resources in aging, kinship care and child welfare*. New York, NY: Hunter College.

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

Callander, J. *Second time around: Help for grandparents who raise their children's kids*. Wilsonville, OR: BookPartners, Inc.

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

Casey Family Programs. (2000). *Guardianship practice guidelines – For clinical practice and case management*. Seattle, WA: Casey Family Programs.

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

De Toledo, S. & Elder Brown, S. (1995). *Grandparents as parents – A survival guide for raising a second family*. New York, NY: The Guilford Press.

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

Doig, J. & Stangl, T. L. (1996). *Grandparents caring for minor children: Common legal issues*. Flint, MI: Genesee County Family Coordinating Council.

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.

Generations United. (1998). *Grandparents and other relatives raising children: An intergenerational action agenda*. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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.

Larsen, J. *Standby guardianship training and technical assistance project: A guide for legislators, lawyers and child welfare professionals.* Washington, DC: The American Bar Association and Circle Solutions, inc. for the United States Department of Health and Human Services, ACF Bureau.

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.

National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. (1997). *Grandparents' guide to navigating the legal system.* Washington, DC: National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

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.

Samuel Sadin Institute on Law, Brookdale Center on Aging of Hunter College. (1994). *HELP for grandparent caregivers.* New York, NY: Samuel Sadin Institute on Law, Brookdale Center on Aging of Hunter College.

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.

Simon, D. (1999). *Permanency planning and kinship care - Annotated bibliography.* Seattle, WA: National Center on Permanency Planning.

Brief annotated bibliography on permanency planning and kinship care.

Stukes Chipungu, S., Everett, J., Verdieck, M. J., & Jones, J. (1997). *Handbook for relative caregivers and foster parents: Adoption and subsidized guardianship.* The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

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

Takas, M. (1998). *Grandparents raising grandchildren: A guide to finding help and hope*. New York, NY: Brookdale foundation Group.

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.

Weinstein, N. & Takas, M. (2001). *The ties that bind: Parental substance abuse & kinship care*. New York, NY: Phoenix House, Children of Alcoholics Foundation.

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.

Beltran, A. (2001). *Grandparents and other relatives raising children: Their inclusion in the National Family Caregiver Support Program*. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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).

Beltran, A. (2001). *Grandparents and other relatives raising children: Access to education*. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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

Beltran, A. (2001). *Grandparents and other relatives raising children: Subsidized guardianship programs*. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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

Biscarr, M. T. (Ed.) (2002). *Grandparents and other relatives raising children: Challenges of caring for the second family*. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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.

Biscarr, M.T. and Crocoll, C.E. (2002). *Grandparents and other relative caregivers raising children: Respite care*. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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.

Children's Defense Fund, AARP, Casey National Center for Resource Family Support, The Brookdale Foundation, Child Welfare League of America, Generations United, The Urban Institute, and Johnson & Hedgpeth, Consultants. (2002). *51 state kinship care fact sheets*. Available at: <http://www.gu.org/projq&ostates.htm>.

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.

Crocoll, C.E. (2002). Grandparents and other relative caregivers raising children: Caregiver support groups. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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

Goldstein, C. (2002). Grandparents and other relatives raising children: Housing needs and challenges – The GrandFamilies response. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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.

Goldstein, C. (2002). Grandparents and other relatives raising children: Supplemental Services. Washington, DC: Generations United.

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.

AARP. (1999). *Connecticut resource guide for grandparents raising grandchildren*. Washington, DC: AARP.

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

Ademy, M. et al. (1994). *Second chance: A resource guide for parenting children of others*. St. Petersburg, FL: St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

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

Atlanta Regional Commission. (1997). *Grandparents raising grandchildren; Community resource book*. Atlanta, GA: Atlanta Regional Commission - Aging Services Division.

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

Bissell, M. K. (1996). *Kinship care source book*. Silver Springs, MD: DC Kinship Care Coalition, Inc.

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

Brookdale Foundation. (2000). *Resources for grandparents: A guide for relatives caring for children*. Baltimore, MD: the Maryland Department of Aging.

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.

Cuyahoga County Community Office on Aging. (1997). *Grandcaring connection resource guide*. Cleveland, OH: Cuyahoga County Community Office on Aging, Department of Senior and Adult Services.

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.

Delaware Health and Social Services. (1997). *Grandparents raising and nurturing dependent children*. New Castle, DE: Delaware Health and Social Services.

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.

Elder Care Services. (1997). *Relatives as parents: A resource guide for parenting children of others*. Tallahassee, FL: Elder Care Services.

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.

Grand Central Kinship Care Resource Center, Grandma's Kids Program of Temple University and the Center for Intergenerational Learning. (2001). *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Legal and policy issues, resource guide, an abridged compendium of local legal resources*. Philadelphia, PA: Grand Central Kinship Care Resource Center, Grandma's Kids Program of Temple University and the Center for Intergenerational Learning.

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

Hanson, L., Lewis, B. & Booth, C. (1995). *Kinship caregiver resource manual*. Minneapolis, MN: Legal Advocacy to Older Americans Project, Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis.

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.

Hanson, L. (1998). *Kinship caregiver resource manual*. Minneapolis, MN: Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Minneapolis and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

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.

Illinois Department on Aging. (1998). *Starting points for grandparents raising grandchildren: A resource guide with information and services for grandparent caregivers*. Springfield, IL: Illinois Department on Aging.

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.

Judicial Council of California. (2000). *Caregivers and the courts – A primer on juvenile dependency proceedings for California foster parents and relative caregivers*. San Francisco, CA: Center for Families, Children, and the Courts.

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

King, S. D., et al. (1994). *Resource guide for Massachusetts' grandparents raising their grandchildren*. Boston, MA: Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

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

Minkler, Meredith. (1994). *Directory of services for grandparents raising grandchildren*. New York: Brookdale Foundation.

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

New York City Department for the Aging, Grandparent Resource Center. *The grandparent raising grandchildren book: Support services resource guide*. New York, NY: New York City Department for the Aging.

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

North Carolina Division on Aging. *Resource handbook for grandparents raising grandchildren.* Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Division of Aging.

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.

Oklahoma Department of Human Services. (2001). *Resource guide for older Oklahomans.* Oklahoma City, OK: Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Aging Services Division.

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

Relatives As Parents Program. (1999). *Relatives as parents program in Orange County: resource guide.* Middletown, NY: Relatives as Parents Program, cornell cooperative extension.

A guide to supportive services in Orange County New York.

Ryan, N. M., Illustrator. (1998). *Grandparents raising grandchildren: A legal guide for Washington state.* Seattle, Washington: Northwest Women's Law Center.

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

***Starting Points for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.* (1999). Springfield, Illinois: Illinois Department on Aging.**

A resource guide with information and services for grandparent caregivers.

Virginia Department for the Aging. (1995). *A resource guide for Virginia's grandparents raising their grandchildren*. Richmond, VA: The Virginia Department for the Aging.

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.

JOURNAL ARTICLES/ RESEARCH STUDIES

This section contains a comprehensive list of journal articles pertaining to kinship caregiving from 1995 – 2002.

Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children

Adnopo, J. (2000). Relative caregiving – An effective option for permanency. *Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America, Vol. 9, No. 2, 359.*

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.

Bartram, M. (1996). Clarifying subsystem boundaries in grandfamilies. *Contemporary Family Therapy, Vol. 18, No. 2, 267-277.*

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

Bell, W. & Garner, J. (1996). Kincare. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Vol. 25, No. 1-2, 11-21.*

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

Benedict, M., Zuravin, S., Stallings, R. (1996). Adult functioning of children who lived in kin versus nonrelative family foster homes. *Child Welfare, Vol. 75, No. 5, 529-549.*

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

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African American/ Latino Kinship Caregivers

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

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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.

Burnette, D. (1999). Physical and emotional well-being of custodial grandparents in Latino families. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, Vol. 69, No. 3, 305-318.*

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Burnette, D. (1999). Social relationships of Latino grandparent caregivers: A role theory perspective. *Gerontologist, Vol. 39, No. 1, 49-58.*

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Chipungu, S. & Everett, J. (1994). The power of information: Exchange patterns between African-American foster parents and child welfare workers. *Journal of Multicultural Social Work, Vol. 3, No. 3, 17-33.*

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.

Cox, C. (2002). Empowering African American custodial grandparents. *Social Work, Vol. 47, No. 1, 45-54.*

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

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Fuller-Thomson, E. & Minkler, M. (2000). African American grandparents raising grandchildren: A national profile of demographic and health characteristics. *Health and Social Work, Vol. 25, No. 2, 109-118.*

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

Gibson, P. (1999). African grandmothers: New mothers again. *Journal of Women and Social Work, Vol. 14, No. 3.*

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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 grandmothers. *Gerontologist, Vol. 39, No. 2, 209-221.*

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Rodgers, A. & Jones, R. (1999). Grandmothers who are caregivers: An overlooked 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.

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Taylor, R. & Roberts, D. (1995). Kinship support and maternal and adolescent well-being in economically disadvantaged African-Americans. *Child Development, Vol. 66, No. 6, 13-16.*

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Winston, C. (1999). Self-help for grandmothers parenting again. *Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless, Vol. 8, No. 3, 157-165.*

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."

Behavioral/ Health of Children in Kinship Families

Brooks, D. & Barth, R. (1998). Characteristics and outcomes of drug-exposed and non drug exposed children in kinship and non-relative foster care. *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 20, No. 6, 475-501.*

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

Dubowitz, H., Feigelman, S., Zuravin, S. Tepper, V., Davidson, N., & Lichenstein, R. (1992). The physical health of children in kinship care. *American Journal of Diseases of Children, Vol. 146, 603-610.*

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

Dubowitz, H. & Sawyer, R. (1994). School behavior of children in kinship care. *Child Abuse & Neglect, Vol. 18, No. 11, 899-911.*

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

Edwards, O. (1998). Helping grandkin – Grandchildren raised by grandparents: Expanding psychology in the schools. *Psychology in the Schools, Vol. 35, No. 2, 173-181.*

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

Force, L. & Botsford, A. (2000). Grandparents raising children with and without a development disability: Preliminary comparisons. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Vol. 33, No. 4, 5-22.*

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

Grant, R. (2000). The special needs of children in kinship care. *Journal of Social Work, Vol. 33, No. 3.*

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.

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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.

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

Landsverk, J., Davis, I., Ganger, W., Newton, R., & Johnson, I. (1996). Impact of child psychological functioning on reunification from out-of-home placement. *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 18, No. 4-5, 447-462.*

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McCallion, P. & Janicki, M. (Eds.). (2000). Grandparents as carers of children with disabilities: Facing the challenges [Special issue]. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Vol. 33, No. 3.*

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McCallion, P., Janicki, M., Grant-Griffin, L. & Kolomer, S. (2000). Grandparent carers II: Service needs and service provision issues. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Vol. 33, No. 3, 57-85.*

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

Sawyer, R. & Dubowitz, H. (1994). School performance of children in kinship care. *Child Abuse and Neglect, Vol. 18, No. 7, 587-597.*

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

Solomon, J. & Marx, J. (1995). To grandmother's house we go: Health and school adjustment of children raised solely by grandparents. *The Gerontologist, Vol. 35, No. 3, 386-394.*

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

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Assesses the behavioral problems of teens in kinship care.

Kinship Foster Care

Altshuler, S. (1998). Child well-being in kinship foster care: Similar to, or different from, non-related foster care? *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 20, No. 5, 369-388.*

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.

Berrick, J. (1996). Assessing quality of care in kinship and foster family care. *Family Relations, Vol. 46, No. 3, 273-280.*

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.

Berrick, J. (1998). When children cannot remain home: Foster family care and kinship care. *Future of Children, Vol. 8, No. 1, 72-87.*

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Berrick, J., Barth, R., Needell, B. (1994). A comparison of kinship foster homes and foster family homes: Implications for kinship foster care as family preservation. *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 16, No. 1-2, 33-63.*

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Bonecutter, F. & Gleeson, J. (1997). Broadening our view: Lessons from kinship foster care. *Journal of Multicultural Social Work, Vol. 5, No. 1-2, 99-119.*

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

Gebel, T. (1996). Kinship care and non-relative family foster care: A comparison of caregiver attributes and attitudes. *Child Welfare, Vol. 75, No. 1, 5-18.*

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Geen, R. & Berrick, J. (2002). Kinship care: An evolving service delivery option. *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 24, No. 1-2, 1-14.*

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Gleeson, J., O'Donnell, J. & Bonecutter, F. (1997). Understanding the complexity of practice in kinship foster care. *Child Welfare, Vol. 76, No. 6, 801-826.*

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Grogan-Kaylor, A. (2001). The effect of initial placement into kinship foster care on reunification from foster care: A bivariate probit analysis. *Journal of Social Service Research, Vol. 27, No. 4, 1-31.*

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

Grogan-Kaylor, A. (2000). Who goes into kinship care? The relationship of child and family characteristics to placement into kinship foster care. *Social Work Research, Vol. 24, No. 3, 132-141.*

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Iglehart, A. (1995). Readiness for independence: Comparison of foster care, kinship care, and non-foster care adolescents. *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 17, No. 3, 417-432.*

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Iglehart, A. (1994). Kinship foster care: Placement, service, and outcome issues. *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 16, 107-122.*

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

Ingram, C. (1996). Kinship care from last resort to first choice. *Child Welfare, Vol. 75, No. 5, 550-566.*

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.

Jackson, S. (1996). The kinship triad: A service delivery model. *Child Welfare, Vol. 75, No. 5, 583-599.*

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.

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

Kolomer, S. (2000). Kinship foster care and its impact on grandmother caregivers. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Vol. 33, No. 3.*

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.

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

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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.

Link, M. (1996). Permanency outcomes in kinship care: A study of children placed in kinship care in Erie County, New York. *Child Welfare, Vol. 75, No. 5, 509-528.*

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.

McLean, B. & Thomas, R. (1996). Informal and formal kinship care populations: A study in contrasts. *Child Welfare, Vol. 125, No. 5, 489-505.*

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Mills, C. & Usher, D. (1996). A kinship care case management approach. *Child Welfare, Vol. 75, No. 5, 600-618.*

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

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Compares characteristics and outcomes of kinship and traditional foster homes.

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Shore, N., Sim, K. and Le Prohn, N. (2002). Foster parent and teacher assessments of youth in kinship and non-kinship foster care placements: Are behaviors perceived differently across settings? *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 24, No. 1-2, 109-134.*

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.

Terling-Watt, T. (2001). Permanency in kinship care: An exploration of disruption rates and factors associated with placement disruption. *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 23, No. 2, 111-126.*

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.

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

Thorton, J. (1991). Permanency planning for children in kinship foster homes. *Child Welfare, Vol. 70, No. 5, 593-601.*

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.

Wilhelmus, M. (1998). Mediation in kinship care: Another step in the provision of culturally relevant child welfare services. *Social Work, Vol. 43, 2, 117-126.*

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.

Wilson, D. B. & Chipungu, S. S. (1996). Child Welfare. *Journal of Policy, Practice And Program, Special Issue, Kinship Care, Vol. 75, No.5.*

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

Wulczyn, F. & George, R. (1992). Foster care in New York and Illinois: The challenge of rapid change. *Social Service Review, 278-294.*

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.

Zuravin, S., Benedict, M. & Somerfield, M. (1993). Child maltreatment in family foster care. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, Vol. 63, No. 4, 589-596.*

Examines predictors of maltreatment of children living in family foster care.

Legal/ Policy Issues

Beltran, A. (2000). Grandparents and other relatives raising children: Supportive public policies. *The Public Policy and Aging Report, Vol. 11, No. 1.*

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.

Berrick, J., Needell, B. & Minkler, M. (1999). The policy implications of welfare reform for older caregivers, kinship care, and family configuration. *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 21, No. 9-10, 843-864.*

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.

Bobroff, R. (2000). The survival of grandparent visitation statutes. *Journal of Poverty Law and Policy, Vol. 34, No. 5, 284-296.*

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

Bouman, J. (2000). Is welfare reform right for grandparents? Structuring welfare reform to accommodate the needs of older adults in families with children. *Journal of Poverty Law and Policy, Vol. 34, No. 5, 263-283.*

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.

Davidow, L. E. (Ed.) (2000). *Grandparent rights*. Albany, NY: New York State Elder Law Attorney.

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.

Flint, M. & Perez-Porter, M. (1997). Grandparent caregivers: Legal and economic issues. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Vol. 28, No. 1-2, 63-76.*

Provides information on legal and financial issues of grandparent caregivers.

Geen, R. (2000). In the interest of the children: Rethinking federal and state policies. *Policy and Practice of Public Human Services, Vol. 58, No. 1.*

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.

Ginchild, R. & Perez-Porter, M. (1996). State initiatives slowly respond to kinship care. Chicago, IL: *Clearinghouse Review, Journal of Poverty Law, Kinship Caregiving, Vol. 30, No. 5.*

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

Gleeson, J. (1995). Kinship care and public child welfare: Challenges and opportunities for social work education. *Journal of Social Work Education, Vol. 31, No. 2, 182-194.*

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

Gleeson, J. (1996). Kinship care as a child welfare service: The policy debate in an era of welfare reform. *Child Welfare, Vol. 75, No. 5, 419-449.*

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.

Hegar, R. & Scannapieco, M. (2000). Grandma's babies: The problem of welfare eligibility for children raised by relatives. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, Vol. 27, No. 3, 153-171.*

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.

Hill, T. (2001). What's a grandparent to do? The legal status of grandparents in the extended family. *Journal of Family Issues, Vol. 22, No. 5, 594-618.*

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

Hornby, H., Zeller, D. & Karraker, D. (1996). Kinship care in America: What outcomes should policy seek? *Child Welfare, Vol. 75, No. 5, 397-418.*

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.

Jefferson Smith, C. & Beltran, A. (2000). Grandparents raising grandchildren: Challenges faced by these growing numbers of families and effective policy solutions. *Journal of Aging and Social Policy, Vol 12, No. 1, 7-17.*

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

Jefferson Smith, C. Beltran, A., Butts, D., & Kingson, E. (2000). Grandparents raising grandchildren: Emerging program and policy issues for the 21st century. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Vol. 34, No. 1, 81-94.*

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.

Jendrek, M. (1994). Policy concerns of white grandparents who provide regular care to their grandchildren. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Vol. 23, No. 1-2, 175-201.*

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.

Karp, N. (1996). Legal problems of grandparents and other kinship caregivers. *Generations, Vol. 20, No. 1, 57-61.*

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.

Leos-Urbel, J., Bess, R. & Geen, R. (2002). The evolution of federal and state policies for assessing and supporting kinship caregivers. *Children and Youth Services Review, Vol. 24, No. 1-2, 37-52.*

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.

Minkler, M. (1999). Intergenerational households headed by grandparents: Contexts, realities, and implications for policy. *Journal of Aging Studies, Vol. 13, No. 2, 199-218.*

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.

Minkler, M. & Berrick, J. (1999). Impacts of welfare reform on California grandparents raising grandchildren. *Journal of Aging and Social Policy, Vol. 10, No. 3, 45-64.*

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.

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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.

Stanton, A. (1998). Grandparents' visitation rights and custody. *Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America, Vol. 7, No. 2, 409.*

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

Thomas, J., Sperry, L. & Yarbrough, M. (2000). Grandparents as parents: Research findings and policy recommendations. *Child Psychiatry and Human Development, Vol. 31, No. 1, 3-22.*

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

Caputo, R. (2001). Depression and health among grandmothers co-residing with grandchildren in two cohorts of women. *Families in Society – The Journal of Contemporary Human Services, Vol. 82, No. 5, 473-483.*

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

Daly, S. & Glenwick, D. (2000). Personal adjustment and perceptions of grandchild behavior in custodial grandmothers. *Journal of Clinical Child Psychology, Vol. 29, No. 1, 108-119.*

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

Fuller-Thomson, E. & Minkler, M. (2000). The mental and physical health of grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren. *Journal of Mental Health and Aging, Vol. 6, No. 4, 311-323.*

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

Harrison, K., Richman, G. & Vittimberga, G. (2000). Parental stress in grandparents versus parents raising children with behavior problems. *Journal of Family Issues, Vol. 21, No. 2, 262-270.*

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

Kelley, S. (1993). Caregiver stress in grandparents raising grandchildren. *IMAGE: Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, Vol. 25, No. 4, 331-337.

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

Kelley, S., Whitley, D., Sipe, T. A., & Yorker, B. C. (2000). Psychological distress in grandmother kinship care providers: The role of resources, social support, and physical health. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, Vol. 24, No. 3, 311-321.

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

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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.

Minkler, M. & Fuller-Thomson, E. (1999). The health of grandparents raising grandchildren: Results of a national study. *American Journal of Public Health*, Vol. 89, No. 9, 1384-1389.

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

Minkler, M. & Fuller-Thomson, E. (2001). Physical and mental health status of American grandparents providing extensive child care to their grandchildren. *Journal of American Medical Women's Association*, Vol. 56, No. 4, 199-205.

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.

Minkler, M., Fuller-Thomson, E., Miller, D. & Driver, D. (1997). Depression in grandparents raising grandchildren – Results of a national longitudinal study. *Archives of Family Medicine*, Vol. 6, No. 5, 445-452.

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.

Musil, C. (2000). Health of grandmothers as caregivers: A ten-month follow-up. *Journal of Women and Aging, Vol. 12, No. 1-2, 129-145.*

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.

Roe, K., Minkler, M., Saunders, F. & Thomson, G. (1996). Health of grandmothers raising children of the crack cocaine epidemic. *Medical Care, Vol. 34, No. 11, 1072-1084.*

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

Sands, R. & Goldberg-Glen, R. (2000). Grandparent caregivers' perception of the stress of surrogate parenting. *Journal of Social Service Research, Vol. 26, No. 3, 77-95.*

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

Sands, R. & Goldberg-Glen, R. (2000). Factors associated with stress among grandparents raising their grandchildren. *Family Relations, Vol. 49, No. 1, 97-105.*

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

Sands, R. & Goldberg-Glen, R. (1998). The impact of employment and serious illness on grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren. *Journal of Women & Aging, Vol. 10, No. 3, 41-58.*

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.

Szinovacz, M., DeViney, S. & Atkinson, M. (1999). Effects of surrogate parenting on grandparents' well-being. *Journals of Gerontology Series B-Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences, Vol. 54, No. 6, S376-S388.*

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.

Waldrop, D. & Weber, J. (2001). From grandparent to caregiver: the stress and satisfaction of raising grandchildren. *Families in Society – The Journal of Contemporary Human Services, Vol. 82, No. 5, 461-472.*

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.

Whitley, D., Kelley, S., Yorker, B., & Sipe, T. (2001). Grandmothers raising grandchildren: Are they at increased risk for health problems? *Health and Social Work, Vol. 26, No. 2, 105-114.*

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

TRAINING MANUALS & CURRICULA

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

Birckmayer, J., Cohen, J., Jensen, I., Variano, D., & Wallace, G. (2002). *Parenting the second time around.* Ithaca, NY: Cornell University.

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

Bonecutter, F. & Gleeson, J. (1997). *Facilitating permanence in kinship foster care: A training manual*. Washington, DC: Administration for Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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

Cox, C. B. (2000). *Empowering grandparents raising grandchildren – A training manual for group leaders*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company, Inc.

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.

Dannison, L. & Nieuwenhuis, A. *Second time around - Grandparents raising grandchildren: A curriculum guide for group leaders*. Kalamazoo, MI: Strong Families/ Safe Children.

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.

Fergus, J. (1996). *Co-Parenting project*. Round Lake, IL: Motorola Worldwide Parenting Initiative.

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

Grandparent Resource Center. *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: A Series of Workshops to Help You COPE*. New York, NY: New York Dept. for the Aging.

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.

Kaplan, M. (2002). *Grandparents raising grandchildren – Doubly stressed, triply blessed*. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University.

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.

McFadden, E. J. *Kinship caregiver forums*. Ypsilanti, MI: Institute for the Study of Children, Families and Communities, Eastern Michigan University.

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.

Millman, J. (1996). *Grandparenting*. Round Lake, IL: Motorola Worldwide Parenting Initiative.

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.

Mills, C. & Usher, D. P. *Kinship training program*. Ypsilanti, MI: Eastern Michigan University, Social Work Training Programs.

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.

New York City Department for the Aging, Grandparent Resource Center. *For grandparents raising grandchildren: A series of workshops to help you cope*. New York, NY: New York City Grandparent Resource Center.

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

New York City Dept. For the Aging, Grandparent Resource Center. *Grandparents raising grandchildren book - Skipped generation family support group guide*. New York, NY: New York Dept. for the Aging, Grandparent Resource Center.

New York City Department on Aging, Grandparent Resource Center. *For grandparents raising grandchildren: More help for you and your family*. New York, NY: New York City Grandparent Resource Center.

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.

Oklahoma Department of Human Services. (2002). *Helping support another family – Support group operator’s manual*. Oklahoma City, OK: Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Aging Services Division.

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.

Radin, M. (1997). *Meeting the needs of children with challenging behaviors in school*. Ypsilanti, MI: Relatives as Parents Program, Catholic Social Services of Wahtenaw County.

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

Watson, T. (2002). *Support Group Training Manual for Kinship Caregivers and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*. Phoenix, AZ: Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging.

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.

Brown, D. (1999, October 11). Recycled parents. *Time Magazine*, 96.

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.

Clemston, L. (2000, June 12). Grandma knows best. *Newsweek*.

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

Creighton, L. (1991, December 16). Grandparents: The silent saviors. *U.S. News and World Report*, 80-89.

Crispell, D. (2000, March 6). Parenting by grandparents. *Wall Street Journal*.

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

Daley, S. (1989, October 23). Treating kin like foster parents strains a New York child agency. *New York Times*.

Davis, W. (2000, April 6). Grand central. *Boston Globe*, pp. F1-F8.

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

DeParle, J. As welfare rolls shrink, load on relatives grow – Weary Milwaukee grandmothers tell of strain. *New York Times*.

Describes Wisconsin's goal to "end welfare" and its burden on grandparents raising their grandchildren.

Durksen, S. (2000, March 26). Growing older – the good news and the bad. *San Diego Union-Tribune*, p. B-3.

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

Edelstein, S. (1990-1991, December-January). Do grandparents have rights? *Modern Maturity*, 40-42.

Provides varying state laws concerning grandparents visitation rights.

Fetterman, D. (2000, September 9). The new world of grandparenting – Changes in the family and society put new imperatives on the elders. *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

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

Fuzesi, S. (1999, July 1). Child-rearing by grandparents on the rise, Census Bureau says. *Los Angeles Times*.

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

Hardie, A. (1997, May 20). Parents, in a grand way. *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

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

Hawks, J. (1994, July). When you must raise your children's children. *Good Housekeeping*, 101.

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

Horwitz, S. (1999, February 28). Opening up homes – and hearts; 'Kinship Care' is on the rise for children in foster system. *Washington Post*, p. C01.

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

Kaufman, M. (2000, January 25). Raising one generation after another – Grandparents find child-rearing can be harder the second time around. *Washington Post*, pp. 7-8.

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

Klepal, D. (1999, July 18). Grandparents parent again- Raising their children's kids can be a struggle. *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

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

Kutner, L. (1994, April 7). Parent and Child – More and more grandparents raise grandchildren. *New York Times*.

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

Larsen, D. (1990-1991, December-January). Unplanned parenthood. *Modern Maturity*, 31-36.

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

Malcolm, A. (1991, November 19). Helping grandparents who are parents again. *New York Times*.

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

McMahon, P. (2000, January 12). Suing to see the grandchildren – Supreme court to decide visitation rights. *USA Today*, p. 1A.

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.

Mehren, E. (1998, December 21). Grandparenting: Raising kids' kids is easier in Boston. *Los Angeles Times*.

Article about GrandFamilies House in Boston, MA.

Mueller, C. (2000, August 20). A grand heartache – Grandparents fight for children. *San Bernardino County Sun*, p. A8.

Story of two grandparent couples denied custody of their grandsons.

O'Reilly, B. (2000, March 26). Their labor of love. *Parade Magazine*, 4-5.

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

Rovner, S. (1995, April 24). Calling granny mom – People raising their children's children. *Washington Post*, p. D5.

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.

Shen, F. (2000, July 18). A grand living arrangement. *Washington Post*.

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

Vobejda, B. & Havemann, J. (1999, January 2). Child-only cases rise on welfare rolls – Parents ineligible or absent; A policy debate is reborn. *Washington Post*, pp. A1, A12.

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.

Walsh, E. (2000, June 6). Court limits visitation rights of grandparents. *Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.

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>

Database of local support groups, newsletters, and useful publications.

<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

<http://www.brookdale.org/gpc/index.html>

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

<http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/>

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

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

New York, NY 10023
(212) 595-5910

www.coaf.org/kinship/kinmain.htm

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

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

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/>

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>

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.

ParentingToolbox

<http://parentingtoolbox.com/>

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

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/>

Dedicated to raising grandparent consciousness and grandparent identity through education, research, programs, communication and networking.

The Grandparents Forum

<http://www.thathomesite.com/forums/grandp/>

A site where grandparents may post and read messages from other grandparents.

GrandsPlace

154 Cottage Rd
Enfield CT 06082
(860) 763-5789

<http://www.grandsplace.com/>

Provides information for grandparents and others relatives raising children.

GrandsRuS

<http://www.GrandsRuS.com>

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

Grand Times

<http://www.grandtimes.com/index.html>

Celebrates life's opportunities and examines life's challenges.

4Grandfather

<http://www.4grandfather.com/>

A website devoted to grandfathers.

4Grandmother

<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/>

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>

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>

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

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

<http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org/>

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

<http://www.aoa.gov/>

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.