

GrandFacts

National fact sheet for grandparents and other relatives raising children

AARP, The Brookdale Foundation Group, Casey Family Programs, Child Welfare League of America, Children's Defense Fund, and Generations United have partnered to produce state and national **GrandFacts** fact sheets for grandparents and other relatives raising children. The state fact sheets include state-specific data and programs as well as information about foster care, public benefits, educational assistance and state laws. Visit www.grandfactsheets.org to find this and all **GrandFacts** state fact sheets.

United States

The Children

- Almost 7.8 million children under age 18 live in homes where the householders are grandparents or other relatives (10.5% of all children under 18.) (*U.S. 2010 Census*)
 - Of these, more than 5.8 million live with grandparents who are the householders (7.9% of all children under 18 in the U.S.) and almost 2 million are living with other relatives who are the householders (2.6% of all children under 18 in the U.S.) (*U.S. 2010 Census*)
- More than 2.6 million children live in homes where grandparents are the householders and are responsible for them.*
 - Of these, almost 1 million children have no parents present in the home.*

The Grandparents*

- More than 2.5 million grandparents are the householders and are responsible for their grandchildren living with them. Of these:
 - 51.1% of these grandparents are White not Hispanic, 24.2% are African American; 18.7% are Hispanic/Latino; 2.9% are Asian, 2% are American Indian or Alaskan Native and 0.3% are Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.
 - More than one-third have no parents of the children present in the home.
 - 67% are under the age of 60.
 - Almost 20% live in poverty.**

* Comparable data are not currently available for homes where other relatives are the householders.

**100% of poverty level.

Data not specifically cited are taken from the U.S. Census Bureau 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Detailed Table B09006 and Subject Tables S1001 and S1002. Additional data on related topics can be found on the Census Bureau website at <http://factfinder.census.gov>

National Organizations, Programs and Resources

AARP

601 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20049
1-888-687-2277 (toll-free)
Email: member@aarp.org
www.aarp.org/grandparents

Resources:

- Online guide for grandfamilies with information about support, health, legal, education, housing & safety and other family challenges.
- Searchable national database of support groups and other services for grandparents raising grandchildren or those facing visitation issues.
- Helpful articles and online community groups for grandparents.

AARP Foundation

601 E Street, NW
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www.aarp.org/foundation

Resources:

- Helps low-income, vulnerable older people 50+ meet their everyday needs - food, housing, income and personal connection.
- The AARP Foundation Benefits QuickLINK website www.aarp.org/quicklink helps people find and apply for programs that pay for food, increase income, and cover home and health care for older adults and children.
- Tax-Aide, WorkSearch/SCSEP and Women's Scholarship Program with special emphasis on women 40+ who are raising other's children.

The Brookdale Foundation Group

950 Third Avenue, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10022
212/308-7355
Email: vcb@brookdalefoundation.org
www.brookdalefoundation.org

Resources:

- The Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) encourages the creation or expansion of supportive services for relatives raising children through annual seed grants, training and technical assistance to state and local agencies.
- Free RAPP Newsletter, *The RAPP Reporter*.
- Links to national organizations and resources.

Casey Family Programs

2001 Eighth Avenue, Suite 2700

Seattle, WA 98121

Phone: 206/282-7300

Email Form: www.casey.org/ContactUs/EmailUs/

www.casey.org

Resources:

- Research reports.
- Local kinship care initiatives.

Children's Defense Fund

25 E Street, NW

Washington, DC 20001

202/628-8787

Email: cdinfo@childrensdefense.org

www.childrensdefense.org

Resources:

- Online Kinship Care Resource Kit for Community and Faith-based Organizations.
- Fostering Connections Toolkit.
- Summary of how the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act offers help to children being raised by relatives.

Child Welfare Information Gateway

Children's Bureau/ACYF

1250 Maryland Ave, SW, 8th Floor

Washington, DC 20024

800/394-3366 (toll-free)

Email: info@childwelfare.gov

<http://childwelfare.gov>

Resources:

- A service of the [Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#).
- Information, resources and tools covering topics on child welfare, child abuse and neglect, out-of-home care, adoption and more.
- Access to latest research reports, best practices information, and other resources in English and Spanish to help protect children and strengthen families.

Child Welfare League of America

CWLA

1726 M Street NW, Suite 500

Washington, DC 20036

202/688-4200

Email: govaffairs@cwla.org

<http://www.cwla.org/programs/kinship/default.htm>

Resources:

- Standards of excellence for kinship care.
- Kinship care annotated bibliography.
- Consultation, training, and technical assistance.

eXtension.org

eXtension Foundation

Room 6 ACB

P.O. Box 830918

Lincoln, NE 68583-0918

402/472-9725

www.extension.org

Resources:

- An online interactive learning environment for consumers that delivers articles, news and tools from the land-grant universities across America.
- Family Caregiving Grandparents Raising Grandchildren section
http://www.extension.org/category/family_caregiving_grandparents_raising_grandchildren
Ask an Expert <http://www.extension.org/ask> feature where you can submit questions.

Fosteringconnections.org

Email: info@fosteringconnections.org

www.fosteringconnections.org

Resources:

- A gathering place of information, training and tools to support implementation of the Fostering Connections Act.
- National and state-by-state implementation news and information about the Act's kinship provisions.
- A kinship toolkit that offers resources on guardianship, identification, notice and more.

Generations United

National Center on Grandfamilies
1331 H Street, NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20005
202/289-3979
Email: gu@gu.org
www.gu.org

Resources:

- Public policy agenda on issues affecting grandfamilies.
- Extensive library of online resources for professionals and grandfamilies.
- Biennial international conference featuring many sessions on grandfamilies' issues.

GrandFamilies of America

6525 Fish Hatchery Road
Thurmont, Maryland 21788
301/358-3911
Email: owenspat@aol.com
www.grandfamiliesofamerica.org

Resources:

- National organization founded and operated by relative caregivers.
- One-to-one mentoring by experienced caregivers.
- Consultation services and kinship workshop presentations.

Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center

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Ana Beltran abeltran@gu.org, 202/289-3979
www.grandfamilies.org

Resources:

- Searchable database of laws and legislation affecting grandfamilies both inside and outside the foster care system for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- Summaries and comparisons of laws and legislation for various legal topic areas.
- Personal stories, practical implementation and advocacy ideas, resources and publications.

Eldercare Locator

Email: eldercarelocator@n4a.org

800/677-1116 (toll-free)

<http://www.eldercare.gov>

Resources:

- A service of the U.S. Administration on Aging in partnership with the National Assoc. of Area Agencies on Aging that connects you to services for older adults and their families.
- Informational brochures, fact sheets and database of state and local resources you can search by zip code or city.
- Connect to area agencies on aging that can help connect grandfamilies with local benefits, resources and services.

National Center on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Georgia State University

College of Health & Human Sciences

PO Box 3995, Atlanta, GA 30302

404/413-1074

Email: nationalcenter@gsu.edu

<http://chhs.gsu.edu/nationalcenter>

Resources:

- Professional education and training opportunities for social workers, nurses, psychologists, lawyers and others working with grandparents raising grandchildren.
- Promotes replication of evidence-based practice in service delivery to intergenerational families.
- Promotes collaborative ventures and exchanges between researchers and practitioners serving grandparents raising grandchildren.

National Committee of Grandparents for Children's Rights

103 Remsen Street, Suite 202

Cohoes, NY 12047

Helpline: 1-888-659-3745 (toll-free)

Contact: Kimberly Yerdon, Program Coordinator

Email: help@grandparentsforchildren.org

www.grandparentsforchildren.org

- Advocates for children's rights to retain family connections at state and national levels.
- Web site and toll-free phone support for grandparents and relatives: phone contact with volunteer grandparents and staff; national and state resources referrals
- Thought leadership on relatives raising children, including conferences and summits

GrandFacts Updates

If you have an update or a resource to be included in this or any of the other GrandFacts fact sheets, please visit www.grandfactsheets.org to submit updates or email grandfacts@aarp.org. Fact sheets are updated regularly.

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