



Kinship Caregivers & Grandparents

Your Gift to Your Grandchildren is Yourself

When you raise your children's children, you give unselfishly with your love, time, talents, and personal resources. You keep your family intact and become a stabilizing force for children whose lives are often full of uncertainty. Be proud of your accomplishments!

Grandparenting is complex, often difficult, and charged with emotion. It calls for wisdom, strength, and flexibility. Every generation is different than the one before, and often these differences create challenges to communication and understanding. Love and patience go a long way in facing and overcoming these challenges.

For many adults, grandparents were often the most influential people to touch their lives, shield them from harm, and provide hope and encouragement. Grandparents bridge the future with the past and hold children close to their heart.

We have found the following resources to be helpful to kinship caregivers and grandparents. We hope you'll utilize these resources and make connections for support in your community.

Generations United 202-289-3979 | gu.org

GrandFacts (AARP) grandfactsheets.org

GrandFamilies is a collaboration among Generations United, The American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, and Casey Family Programs. This organization helps to educate individuals about state laws, legislation, and policy in support of grandfamilies. Assist interested policymakers, advocates, caregivers, and attorneys in exploring policy options to support relatives and the children in their care.

Grand Resource: Help for Grandfamilies Impacted by Opioids and Other Substance Use

<http://www.grandfamilies.org/Portals/0/Documents/Grandfamilies-Report-GRANDResource-Opioids.pdf>

Grandfacts Pennsylvania Includes state-specific data and programs as well as information about public benefits, educational assistance, legal relationship options, and state laws. <https://www.grandfamilies.org/Portals/0/State%20Fact%20Sheets/Grandfamilies-Fact-Sheet-Pennsylvania.pdf>

Resources for Caregivers of Children: Pennsylvania Department of Aging

<https://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/caregiver-support/Pages/Caregivers-of-Children.aspx>

Pennsylvania 211 Directory of Statewide Services https://pa211.communityos.org/zf/profile/search/dosearch/1/taxonomy_name/Grandparents