

Grandparenting and Kinship Care



Talking Points

- Funding
 - Eligibility
 - Reasons for Kinship Care
 - Challenges of Kinship Care
 - Issues & Concerns
 - Training Topics
 - Resources
 - American Indian Values & Culture
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Funding

- ▶ Title VI, Part C, Native American Caregiver Support Program
 - ▶ Title III, Part E, National Family Caregiver Support Program
 - ▶ Partnering with other agencies in or outside communities
 - ▶ Tribal funding
 - ▶ Other resources
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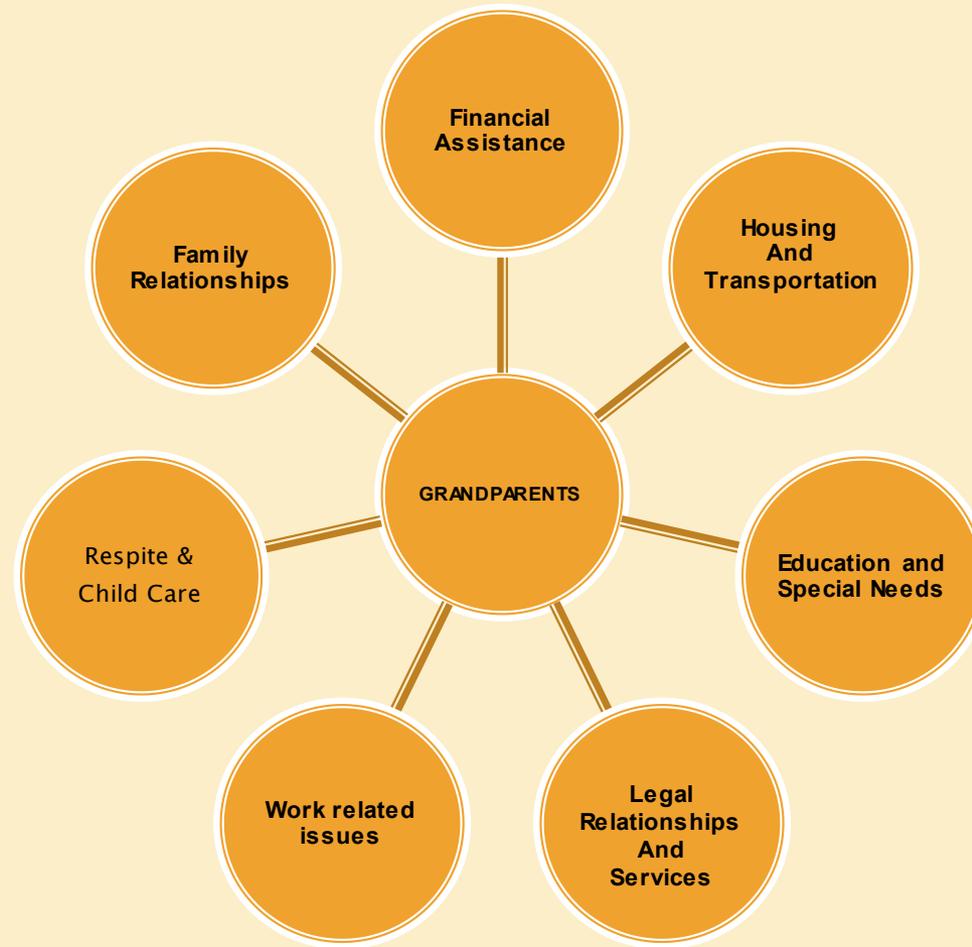
Definition

- ▶ **Grandparent Raising Grandchildren or Relative Caregiver**
- A Grandparent or Step-Grandparent
- Relative of a child by blood or marriage
- 55 years of age or older and
 - ▶ – Lives with the child
 - ▶ – Is the primary caregiver
 - ▶ – Has legal or informal relationship

Reasons for Kinship Care



Challenges of Kinship Care



Determining the Issues

- Title VI Assessment
 - Surveys & Evaluations (Conferences, Trainings, Elder's Meetings or Gatherings, Support Groups)
 - Community Grandparent/Relative Caregiver Forums
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Grandparent/Relative Caregivers' Important Issues

- Placement, custody, advocacy, resources
- Legal (custody, guardianship, adoption)
- Financial –food, clothing, furniture, day care, transitioning, maintenance
- Time off from work
- Parenting classes for Grandparents
- Behavioral challenges raising children
- Establish an Advisory Council

Grandparent/Relative Caregivers' Training

- Self-Care
- Legal
- Financial
- Nutrition
- Parenting
- Children with Special Needs
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers –
evidence-based curriculum

Family & Community Resources

- Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Area Agency on Aging, Region 8
 - Tribal Social Services
 - Tribal Family Caregiver Support Programs
 - Legal Services
 - University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Programs
 - Grandparent Kinship Programs & Coalitions
 - Foster & Adoptive Parent Associations
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Supplemental Services

- Intergenerational activities
- Summer camps/activities for grandchildren
- Back-to-school supplies
- Other ideas

Traditional Values & Culture

- Language
 - Tribal teachings
 - Family bonding
 - Sense of belonging
 - Spiritual growth
 - Role as tribal community member
 - Tribal ceremonies
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Group Activity

1. Funding – What do you have? What do you need?
2. Assessment of Needs – What methods will work best in your community?
3. Ideas for:
 - Support Groups
 - Training
 - Activities

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