



RELATIVES RAISING RELATIVES' CHILDREN

A look at kinship care statistics...

In Michigan:

- ◆ 194,878 children under age 18 live in homes where the householders are grandparents or other relatives.
- ◆ 152,469 children live with grandparents.
- ◆ 69,515 grandparents are responsible for their grandchildren.

Nationally:

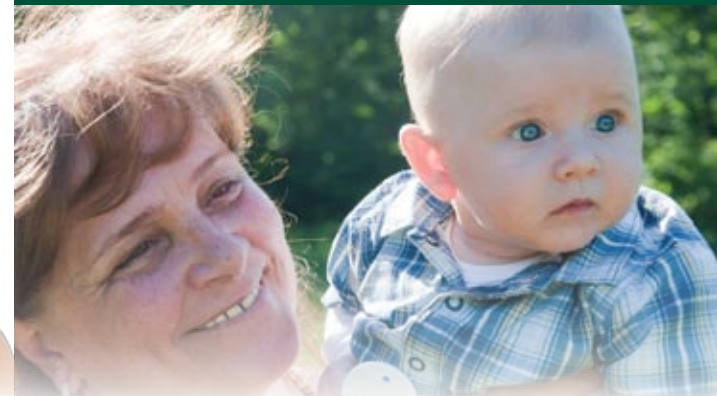
- ◆ 4.9 million children live in grandparent-headed households.
- ◆ 1.9 million children in the United States live in households headed by other relatives.

Data taken from AARP and 2010 U.S. Census information.



KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

Strengthening Families ♦ Spanning Generations



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What is

kinship care?

Kinship care is the full-time care, nurturing, and protection of children by relatives, members of their tribes or clans, godparents, stepparents, or any adult who has a kinship bond with a child. It allows the child to grow to adulthood in a family environment.

[Child Welfare League of America, 2007]

Whether a family is dealing with a military deployment, physical or mental illness, child abuse, incarceration, substance abuse, or death, there may be times when grandparents or other extended family members need to step in to care for a child. A safe kinship placement can provide stability and permanency for children, keep siblings together, and allow children to stay connected with biological family members.

There are two types of kinship care arrangements:

Informal care

In an informal arrangement, family members become caregivers for related children without the involvement of the court or a social service agency.

Formal care

Formal arrangements are made with the court, possibly with the assistance of an agency such as the Department of Human Services, which may maintain contact with the kinship caregivers over time if the child is in foster care.

Mission statement

The mission of the Kinship Care Resource Center is to support Michigan's kinship families by utilizing research to provide education and outreach to communities and agencies supporting kinship families and offer information and referral and case management services to relatives raising relative children.

Are you raising a relative's child?

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What we offer:

- ◆ Information and referral for kinship caregivers
- ◆ Quarterly newsletter for kinship families
- ◆ Listing for support groups across the state
- ◆ Resource brochures and written information about kinship care issues and services
- ◆ Case advocacy services to educate and assist kinship families in fully accessing and utilizing available community services
- ◆ Trainings, workshops, conferences, and other events for kinship caregivers and agency professionals
- ◆ Consulting services for program development
- ◆ Quarterly newsletter for professionals and support group leaders

