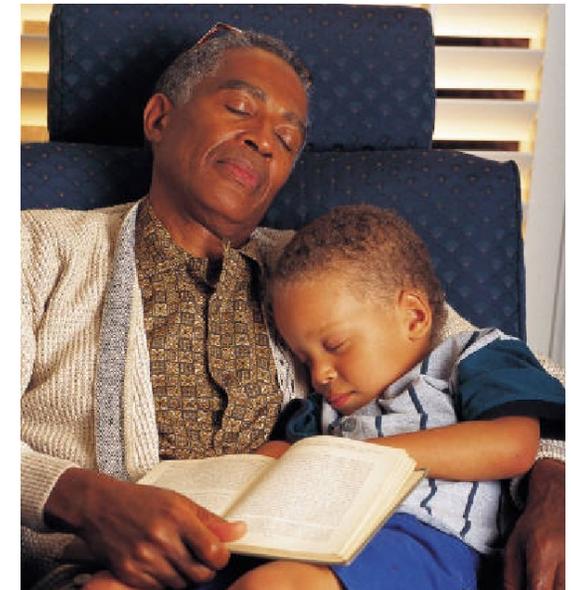


<b>AARP in Arizona</b> 866-389-5649	<b>Aid to Adoption of Special Kids</b> 602-254-2275
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<b>Arizona's Children Association</b> <b><u>Kinship Support Services</u></b> 602-233-0017 (Maricopa) 520-323-4476 (Pima) 520-421-0500 (Pinal) 520-458-211 x1821 (Cochise)	<b>Arizona Department of Economic Security</b>  602-542-2419
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<b>Casey Family Programs</b> 602-252-9449	<b>Duet; Partners in Health &amp; Aging</b> 602-274-5022 x31 (Maricopa County)
<b>Family Involvement Center</b> 602-288-0155	<b>Family Resource Center Child Crisis Center</b> 480-834-9424 (East Valley)
<b>Landrum Foundation</b> 602-237-6030	<b>Pima Prevention Partnership</b> 877-312-1368 (Maricopa & Pima Counties)
<b>Unlimited Potential</b> 480-309-2715	
<b>Phoenix Indian Center</b> 602-264-6768	<b>Seeds of Hope</b> 520-836-6335 (Casa Grande)
<b>Southwest Human Development</b> 602-266-5976	<b>University of Arizona, Co-operative Extension</b> 602-827-8200 x 329 (South Phx)
<b>Website:</b> <b><u>www.AzKinCare.org</u></b>	<b>Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors</b> <b><u>www.azga.org</u></b>



# HOW TO GET HELP IF YOU ARE RAISING A RELATIVE'S CHILD



**Let us help connect you to assistance you may need. We are the:**

**Central Arizona**

**Kinship Care Coalition**

The Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition was formed in 1995 by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and Duet (formerly known as Beatitudes Center DOAR) as a task force to address issues related to grandparents raising grandchildren.

**“I am raising my grandson.** He was in a bad situation with his mother, and I stepped in. I didn’t know how hard it would be. There were problems enrolling him in school and getting medical care for him. I felt bad that my daughter could not raise him and I wondered if it was my fault. Money was tight. My grandson was angry and I didn’t know how to help him. I was sad, stressed and tired most of the time.

Then I got in touch with some people in my same situation and things changed. I got the information and encouragement I needed.

I know you are busy, but believe me, attending a support group will make all the difference in the world to you!”

-----A Grandmother Raising her Grandson

## **What is Kinship Care?**

Kinship care is the raising of children by relatives---grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other adults who have a significant bond with the children.

## **Am I the only grandmother or aunt or cousin raising a relative’s child in Arizona?**

198,814 children under age 18 live in homes where the householders are grandparents or other relatives (12.2% of all children under 18 in the state.) (U.S. 2010 Census)

Of these, 146,732 live with grandparents who are the householders (9% of the children in the state) and 52,082 live with other relatives who are the householders (3.2% of the children in the state). (U.S. 2010 Census)

69,001 children live in homes with grandparent householders where grandparents are responsible for them.\*

Of these children, 21,036 have no parents present in the home.\* (U.S. 2010 Census)

**You are not alone. There are organizations and other kinship caregivers that want to help you!**

## **Who are We?**

The Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition is a group of:

Kinship caregivers committed to helping others and to community action

Resource/Service providers from organizations that serve kinship care families

## **What Does the Coalition Do?**

The Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition is committed to:

- Educating the public and service providers about kinship care concerns
- Strengthening the provider network of kinship care services
- Promoting advocacy and support for kinship care
- Working with our Caregiver Advisory Council

## **In What Areas Do Kinship Caregivers Need Help?**

- Legal Custody and Services
- Financial Assistance
- School Enrollment
- Social Events
- Child Care and Respite Services
- Housing
- Physical and Behavioral Health Needs
- Advocacy / Legislation
- Training
- Community Resources

## **What should I do first if I need help**

### **because I am raising a relative’s child?**

You may need both practical information and information about how to connect with a support group. For general kinship information and information about support groups call the co-chairs of the Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition:

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The organizations noted on the back of this pamphlet are members of the Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition. If you see an address of a starred organization near your home, you may want to call that organization to ask them what kind of help they may have available for you. Kinship organizations who are members of the Coalition are familiar with resources of other member organizations and could refer you to another organization if they do not have what you need. When someone answers the telephone, ask them to talk with someone about KINSHIP.