

AARP in Arizona 866-389-5649	Aid to Adoption of Special Kids 602-254-2275
Area Agency on Aging, Region One 602-264-4357 (Maricopa)	Arizona's Children Association <u>Kinship Licensing</u> 602-253-1620
Arizona's Children Association <u>Kinship Support Services</u> 480-748-9269 (Maricopa) 520-323-4476 (Pima) 520-421-0500 (Pinal) 520-458-2131 x 1821 (Sierra Vista)	Department of Child Safety 602-542-2419
Benevilla 623-207-6016 (NW Maricopa)	Caregiver Resource Line 1-888-737-7494
Casey Family Programs 602-252-9449	Duet; Partners in Health & Aging 602-274-5022 x 31 (Maricopa County)
Family Involvement Center 602-288-0155	Family Resource Center Child Crisis Center 480-834-9424 (East Valley)
Landrum Foundation 602-237-6030	Pima Prevention Partnership 877-312-1368 (Maricopa & Pima Counties)
Unlimited Potential 480-309-2715	
Phoenix Indian Center 602-264-6768	Seeds of Hope 520-836-6335 (Casa Grande)
Southwest Human Development Kinship Care & Adoptions 602-266-5976	University of Arizona, Co-operative Extension 602-827-8200 x 329 (South Phoenix)
Website: <u>www.AzKinCare.org</u>	Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors <u>www.azga.org</u>



Keeping Kids with Kin

Let us help connect you to assistance you may need at our monthly meetings.

Who: Kinship caregivers, grandparents

Raising grandchildren and supporters and agencies

What: Central Arizona Kinship Care

Coalition Monthly Meeting

Where: Family Involvement Center

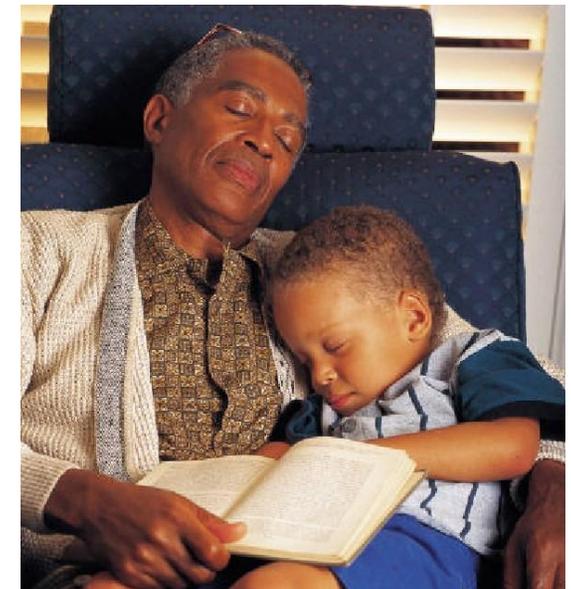
5333 N. 7th Street, A- 100

Large Training Room, Phoenix,

Directions call (602) 288-0155 or
1 - (877) 568-8468

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.
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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

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“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*)

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

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For information on the internet & to contact a caregiver advisory council member please visit our website:

www.AzKinCare.org Like us on Facebook:

Central AZ Kinship Care Coalition

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.