## How to Get Help if You Are Raising a Relative’s Child

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

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.

www.AZKinCare.org

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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 sup- port group. For general kinship
information and information about support
groups call the co-chairs of the Central
Arizona Kinship Care Coalition:

Renea Jackson
480-748-9269
RJackson@arizonaschildren.org

Elizabeth Harris
602-542-6593
EHarris2@azdes.gov

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.

“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 house-
holders (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)