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National Research Center on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Mission

Our mission is to improve the well-being of grandparent-headed families by promoting best practices in community-based service delivery systems, and to advance the work of practitioners and scholars in the development, implementation and evaluation of new knowledge and services in the field.

Core Beliefs

Grandparents contribute to the preservation of family systems when taking on the responsibility of raising their grandchildren. Grandchildren, as well as all children, deserve to be loved and cherished in safe and nurturing families. Parents should have primary responsibility for their children, but when they are unable/unwilling to assume that role, grandparents should be given the resources and support to assist them in managing parental responsibilities. Generally, communities are better served by grandparents taking on the custodial care of their grandchildren, when needed.

Center Goals

- Influence new scholarship that merges the fields of aging, child welfare, and family research in the context of intergenerational caregiving.
- Communicate and disseminate evidence-based research and practice strategies to practitioners, researchers, policy advocates, and grandparent caregivers.
- Promote training and professional development of service practitioners and other allied professionals working with grandparent caregivers.
- Endorse the replication of evidence-based strategies to support better outcomes for children, families, and communities across the nation.
- Support current and emerging researchers and practitioners working in the fields of aging, child welfare, and family services to sustain efforts leading toward positive social change for intergenerational families.