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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 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.