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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.