

Resources for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Key Programs and Resources in Texas

A Family Affair –Database of support groups and services, www.afamilyaffairoftexas.com

Area Agencies on Aging—Several local area agencies in Texas providing programs for relatives 55 and over raising grandchildren.

Children’s Connections –Information and referrals on grandparent adoptions. www.childrensconnections.org

Elder Options of Texas –Online information and referrals for senior housing. <http://elderoptionsoftexas.com>

ESCAPE Family Resource Center—Parenting courses for kinship caregivers. www.learn toparent.org

Grandparents As Parents Program—Methodist Children’s Home. Information and referrals, legal assistance, support groups. www.methodistchildrenshome.org.

Legal Hotline for Texas—Free legal services by telephone for Texas residents over 60 or Medicare recipients. www.tlsc.org/legalhotline.asp.

Texas Kinicare Taskforce—Brookdale Foundation. Support groups and legal resources.

<http://fcs.tamu.edu/families/aging/grg/aboutus.php>.

Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas. Information and referrals to support groups employment referrals and benefits. www.ulgdnctx.com.

AARP – Wide range of information regarding. Benefits QuickLink. www.aarp.org

Eldercare –Helps you find your local area agency on aging and other state and local resources. www.eldercare.gov.

TANF—Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. Administers federal funds that provide cash assistance to families in need. www.hhsc.state.tx.us.

Social Security –Provides income benefits to adults, older adults and children. www.socialsecurity.gov/locator.

SNAP—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. New name for the federal Food Stamp Program. Helps low-income individuals and families buy the food they need for good health. www.hhsc.state.tx.us.

National Resources

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren—General information helpful in understanding basic grandparent issues.

www.raisingyourgrandchildren.com.

The National Kinship Alliance for Children—A network of grandparents, community members and professional working together to provide education, support, and advocacy for leadership for children, grandparents and kinship families.

www.kinshipcarealliance.org.

Generations United—An extensive website on specifically focusing public policy and kinship care issues. www.gu.org.

GrandsPlace—supports grandparents and other relatives raising other 's children. www.grandsplace.com.

Grand parent Again. –Offers information on education, legal support, and support groups. www.grandparentagain.com..

Resources are always changing. The internet is a great way to keep up with issues and needs facing grandparents.