



Resources for Grandparents

Targeted Resources for Tribal Child Welfare, January 2017

[American Indian and Alaska Native Grandfamilies: The Impact on Child Development](#), 2014

While there are similar challenges to other ethnic populations raising their grandchildren, the unique difference is the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Indian Education Act. Various forms of historical trauma continue to be significant factors in the lives of both the grandparents and grandchildren, especially in how decisions are made to access services. This article discusses the challenges, opportunities, and strengths of Native grandparents raising their grandchildren and includes recommendations for educational and social services institutions.

[Grandparents Raising Grandchildren at the National Indian Council on Aging](#)

The NICOA offers a great online sharing and support forum for grandparents.

[Unci Na Gaka: Lakota Grandparents' Perspectives on Raising Grandchildren](#)

Written by Ethleen Iron Cloud-Two Dogs, this paper examines the experiences of contemporary Lakota grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

[American Indian Grand Families: A Qualitative Study Conducted with Grandmothers and Grandfathers Who Provide Sole Care for Their Grandchildren](#)

This study features Native grandparents in Michigan who are raising their grandchildren and looks at the reasons behind their caregiver role, the impact historical trauma has had, and policy implications. "They ... have a history that is not fully acknowledged, but influences their present day decision-making process, and a different cultural worldview, which includes an exceptional role for older adults."

[Grandparents' Resource Guide North American Indian Center of Boston](#)

This online manual is dedicated to support grandparents in the Boston area by linking them to existing resources related to child care, education, elder services, employment/benefit programs, family services, healthcare, substance abuse treatment, nutrition and food, housing, legal aid, transportation, and various cultural resources and can serve as an example to other communities.

[Kinship Care Program](#)

The Oneida Tribe and their State-Tribal Collaboration with Wisconsin provides an example of a program that can provide kinship caregivers cash benefits.

[Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Other Child-Only Issues](#), 2014

This ACF webinar provided strategies and resources on a wide range of issues for social services providers and grandparents raising their grandchildren.

[Mental Health of Rural Grandparents Rearing Their Grandchildren](#), 2008

This article examines the mental well-being of grandparents raising their grandchildren, with a focus on Native communities in Montana. Grandparents often become caregivers in response to a family crisis, they're frequently unprepared for this new demanding role. "With the changes in familial roles and cultural and social norms, along with pressures from the majority culture to assimilate, these grandparent caregivers may be experiencing an increased sense of grief and loss."



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