

Arizona's Children Association / KARE
Golden Gate Community Center
602-233-0017 (West Valley)
602-253-1620 (Kinship Licensing)

DUET – Partners in Health & Aging,
Kinship Care Services
602-274-5022 x44 (Maricopa County)

Family Resource Center
Child Crisis Center
480-834-9424 (East Valley)

University of Arizona,
Cooperative Extension
602-827-8200 x 356 (South Phoenix)

Area Agency on Aging, Region One, Inc.
602-264-4357 (Maricopa County)

Pima Prevention Partnership
602-251-3171 (Maricopa & Pima Counties)

Seeds of Hope
520-836-6335 (Casa Grande)

AARP in Arizona
866-389-5649

Arizona Department of Economic Security
602-542-2419

Caregivers United for Children Rights
602-273-0004

Casey Family Programs
602-794-8433

Phoenix Indian Center
602-264-6768

Southwest Human Development
602-266-5976

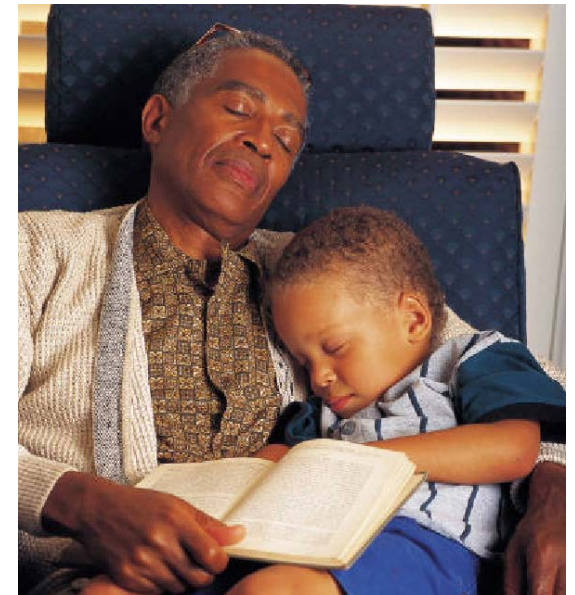
Aid to Adoption of Special Kids
602-254-2275

Family Involvement Center
602-288-0155



The Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition was formed in 1995 by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and Duet (formerly known as Beatitudes Center DOAR) as a task force to address issues related to grandparents raising grandchildren.

HOW TO GET HELP IF YOU ARE RAISING A RELATIVE'S CHILD



There is an organization that wants to help you connect with help. We are the Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition.

“I am raising my grandson. He was in a bad situation with his mother, and I stepped in. I didn’t know how hard it would be. There were problems enrolling him in school and getting medical care for him. I felt bad that my daughter could not raise him and I wondered if it was my fault. Money was tight. My grandson was angry and I didn’t know how to help him. I was sad, stressed and tired most of the time.

Then I got in touch with some people in my same situation and things changed. I got the information and encouragement I needed.

I know you are busy, but believe me, attending a support group will make all the difference in the world to you!”
-----A Grandmother Raising her Grandson

What is Kinship Care?

Kinship care is the raising of children by relatives---grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other adults who have a significant bond with the children.

Am I the only grandmother or aunt or cousin raising a relative’s child in Arizona?

“...Almost 10% of all children in Arizona live in kinship families...”
(AARP’s Arizona Grandfacts, October, 2007)

You are not alone. There are organizations and other kinship caregivers that want to help you!

Who are We?

The Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition is a group of:

- Kinship caregivers committed to helping others and to community action
- Resource/Service providers from organizations that serve kinship care families

What Does the Coalition Do?

The Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition is committed to:

- Educating the public and service providers about kinship care concerns
- Strengthening the provider network of kinship care services
- Promoting advocacy and support for kinship care
- Working with our Caregiver Advisory Council

In What Areas Do Kinship Caregivers Need Help?

- Legal Custody and Services
- Financial Assistance
- School Enrollment
- Social Events
- Child Care and Respite Services
- Housing
- Physical and Behavioral Health Needs
- Advocacy / Legislation
- Training
- Community Resources

What should I do first if I need help because I am raising a relative’s child?

You may need both practical information and information about how to connect with a support group. For general kinship information and information about support groups call the co-chairs of the Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition:

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For information on the internet:

<http://www.azkincare.org/>

The organizations noted on the back of this pamphlet are members of the Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition. Some of these organizations offer direct services to assist kinship caregivers, and the areas they serve are indicated in parentheses. Other member organizations of the Coalition are familiar with resources throughout Central Arizona and will help you find what you need. Be sure to tell them you want to talk with someone about KINSHIP when you call.