



Resources for Grandparents and Relatives Raising Children

AARP Foundation: Grandparent Information Center (GIC) Local Support Database

American Association of Retired Persons offers local support services specifically for grandparents raising children.

http://www.giclocalsupport.org/pages/gic_db_home.cfm

AARP Texas Fact Sheet for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children: Resources Listings

This fact sheet has a listing of Texas specific programs, state benefits, laws and other regulations and resources regarding kinship care of young children.

http://assets.aarp.org/rgcenter/general/kinship_care_2005_tx.pdf

Children's Defense Fund: Child Welfare and Mental Health, Kinship Care

Guides and tools for relatives raising children as well as explanations of legislative developments to enhance kinship care efforts are offered throughout this section of the Children's Defense Fund website.

<http://www.childrensdefense.org/childwelfare/kinshipcare/default.aspx>

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

A frank discussion about the difficulties and joys of raising grandchildren is offered on this site created by The Foundation For Grandparenting. Reminders and tips are also offered.

http://www.grandparenting.org/Grandparents_Raising_Grandchildren.htm

Grandparents Raising Grandkids

This collaborative effort from Texas A&M University, several Texas agencies and the Brookdale Foundation links grandparents to legal, health, safety and practical issues that are all part of raising grandkids.

<http://grandparentsraisinggrandkids.tamu.edu/>

Relatives As Parents

This program of the Brookdale Foundation awards grants to local and state agencies to expand and improve services for relatives caring for children. State and local sites are listed as well as links to organizations with a similar mission.

<http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/relativesasparents.htm>

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Kinship Care Manual

This guide is directed towards relatives raising children who are in the custody of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services as a result of abuse or neglect.

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/documents/Child_Protection/pdf/KinshipManualEnglish.pdf

For a more basic explanation, visit http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Kinship_Care/.