



GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

2023 Member's Handout

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The main emphasis of this lesson is to talk about Grandparents but it can also apply to aunts, uncle, siblings, great grandparents as well as friends of the family or child.

Some problems with Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:

Grandparents age, as well as health problems, and reduced income. Any of these reasons would put a strain on family dynamics and unforeseen hardships.

Most Grandparents lack information on support services, resource programs, benefits, laws and policies that are available.

Where can you find statistics for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:

<http://www.aarp.org/relationships/friends-family/grandfacts-sheet/> at this site you can look up your state for information.

How Did We Get To This Point?

Death of parent

Unemployment of parent

Substance abuse

Family Violence

Incarceration of parent or parents

Homelessness

Inability to pay child care

Why Would A Grandparent Choose To Become The Primary Caregiver For A Grandchild? Some reasons could include:

Loss of availability of the grandchild's parent

A personal relationship with the grandchild

Other various and personal reasons

What Can We Do To Help?

Join various support groups

Look for support groups in your phone book

Check with local children's services groups

Search the internet web sites for various support groups

AARP Grand-Facts will give every states support groups

It is our responsibility as grandparents, parents, family and friends of our communities to:

Find out the facts

Provide help in any way for these relatives who are raising children