

Title: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Implications for Professionals and Agencies
A national satellite video conference

When: January 12, 1999 from 10:30-1:30 Pacific
11:30-2:30 Mountain
12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Central
1:30-4:30 Eastern
2:30-5:30 Atlantic

Sponsors: Initial sponsors and producers include the National Network for Family Resiliency of the Children, Youth and Families Network of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, and the Cooperative Extension Services of the University of Wisconsin and Purdue University, and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

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Program format: Three hour program, including a two-hour satellite video conference with panel discussions, on-site activities, pre-recorded video segments, live call-in or faxing of questions to conference presenters. Before and after broadcast to include local discussion and networking.

Why: More than 4 million children live with their grandparents, almost double that of less than a generation ago. Even more grandparents provide care to grandchildren who don't live with them. Grandparents providing care for their grandchildren face many changes and responsibilities that may require special financial, physical, and emotional support. Professionals and agencies need to know of current research and resources to meet the needs of these grandparents and children.

Goals: Professionals who attend can expect to:

- Explore core issues facing grandparents raising grandchildren through current research and information.
- Learn about exciting projects from throughout the United States that educate and support grandparents raising grandchildren.
- Interact with representatives from other family-serving organizations and agencies in the community.

Audience: The program is designed for professionals in social service agencies, schools and other organizations that provide service and education to and for grandparents raising grandchildren. (It may also be of interest to professionals in independent practice.) These professionals include: benefits coordinators; school counselors; teachers; child care workers; social workers; clergy; health care workers, including public health; mental health professionals; family life professionals, including parent educators;

attorneys who work on child support or custody issues; financial advisors. CEUs will be provided for several professional organizations or certifications at an additional cost. Availability varies by state. (LIST CEU DETAILS FOR YOUR STATE.)

To host a local site: To locate the nearest local program site or register to host a program site, visit the web site at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/gprg/gprg.html>. All participant and facilitator materials will be posted on this web page. Print materials can also be mailed at an additional cost. Facilitators are encouraged to take part in one telephone training session: Dec. 15, 9:00-11:00 AM CST; Dec. 17, 1:00-3:00 PM CST; or, Jan. 5, 9:00-11:00 AM CST.

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