

# Montana Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project



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**94%** Percentage of Montana grandparents raising their grandchildren outside of the State child welfare system.

**6,600** Number of Montanans who have sole responsibility for raising their grandchildren.

**\$213,000/day**

Amount grandparents raising their grandchildren outside of the State child welfare system save the state of Montana in foster care payments.

**~23%** Percentage of Montana families headed by kin receiving TANF Child-Only funds.

Average age of Montana grandparents raising their grandchildren.

**60 Years**

Why do grandparents take on the responsibility of raising their grandchildren?

## Parental...

- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health Issues
- Physical Health Issues
- Death
- Financial Reasons
- Teen Pregnancy
- Incarceration
- Military Deployment

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**Montana is in the Top Ten of all states and the District of Columbia for supplying supportive policies to grandparents and other kin raising children.**

## These Supportive Policies Include

**43%** Percentage of Montana children in foster care being raised by grandparents or other kin.

- Education Consent Law
- Health Care Consent Law
- De Facto Custody
- At least one time-limit exception or extension for TANF funds
- Federal GAP (Guardianship Assistance Program) funds
- Lifespan Respite Care Program

## In the United States, do you know....

2.7 million grandparents have the sole responsibility of raising their grandchildren.

42% of grandparents have been raising their grandchildren for more than five years.

58% of grandparents raising grandchildren are in the workforce.

21% of grandparents raising grandchildren live below the poverty line.

Information on this page courtesy of "2015: The State of Grandfamilies In America", a publication of Generations United; [www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org).



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**Are you raising your grandchildren or other relative children?  
Are you struggling financially with new or unexpected expenses?  
Are you feeling stressed, depressed or just overwhelmed?**

**The Montana GRG Project is here to help you find the support and resources you need to "parent the second time around."**

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## **Montana Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project**



**The Montana GRG Project is designed to provide support and information to Montana grandparents and other kin who are primary caregivers for their relative children.**

**Contact us today!**

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**The GRG Project has local contacts and support groups throughout the state.  
We can help you find someone in your area.**

**We can offer you information on:**

- Handling stress, depression, grief, anger and uncertainty.
- Improved couple and family communication.
- Parenting issues like discipline, working with schools, navigating social media and many others.

**We can also help you find information on:**

- Food, nutrition and financial assistance.
- Medical and insurance assistance.
- Education and childcare assistance.
- Low-cost or no-cost legal assistance.



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