

Are you.....



- A grandparent or relative who provides part-time care or full-time care or financial support to a child?
- Feeling overwhelmed, isolated and embarrassed, or unsure about community services available to help you?



We Can Help...

The Family Friends Grandparents as Parents Program was created to empower grandparents and relatives to help themselves and others improve the quality of their lives and those of the children they care for.

Family Friends Provides...

- Group support, guidance and education by trained grandparents
- One-to-one support by trained grandparents and professionals by telephone or in your home
- Links to community resources
- Access to programs for children and youth for support and guidance as they cope with life changes
- Opportunities to learn more about your legal rights, parenting a new generation of youth, substance abuse, and caring for your emotional, physical and spiritual needs

All programs are held in the community. The services are free and confidential. Child care and transportation may be available.



Did You Know.....



- Today, in the U.S. it is estimated that 4.5 million children are being raised by their grandparent or other relative (2000 U.S. Census Report)
- In the greater Kansas City area, 63,703 children were in kinship care in 2000 (U.S. Census 2000)
- The top four reasons for grandparents to become the caregiver of a child are: Substance Abuse, incarceration, child abuse or work demands by the child's parent
- Most grandparents and relatives feel unsure and unprepared to raise a second generation of children.

You Are Not Alone.....

“Never before in recent history have so many grandparents served as surrogate parents to their grandchildren.”

Dr. Lenora Poe



For more information or to receive a newsletter or calendar of upcoming events please contact:

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grandparents and relatives
who care for children...*

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