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Grandparent Resources

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Most grandparents gain great joy from their role.

But...

Grandparents raising grandchildren also face financial, health, housing, education & work challenges that impact their life and retirement plans.

http://www.aarp.org/relationships/grandparenting/info-12-2010/more_grandparents_raising_grandchildren.html
There is a need for more support, resources & services for grandparents raising grandchildren.

AND

There is a need to address the increase in the trend of the number and % of grandparents raising grandchildren.
## Increase in Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in NM (1990 – 2015)

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<th>Year / Time Period</th>
<th>Number of Grandchildren Raised by Grandparent</th>
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<td>1 1990</td>
<td>28,013</td>
<td>444,650*</td>
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<td>2 2000</td>
<td>40,603</td>
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<td>3 2005-2009</td>
<td>47,382</td>
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<td>55,259</td>
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Ways Con Alma is supporting GRG Through Funding & Research

➢ FUNDING:
  o Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program at Las Cumbres Community Services, http://grglccs.com
  o Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conferences

➢ RESEARCH:
  o Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Stemming the Tide report (2017)
  o GRANDFACTS – New Mexico (2017)
Key Findings
Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Report

• There is an increase in the number and percentage of grandparents raising grandchildren

• Grandparents raising grandchildren have more people living at or below the poverty level

• Native Americans & Hispanics represent a higher proportion of all GRG than population at large
64,130 (12.7%) children under 18 live in homes where householders are grandparents or other relatives

51,001 (10.1%) of children live with grandparents

13,129 (2.6%) of children live with other relatives

26,241 grandparents are householders responsible for their grandchildren who live with them (23.5% of children)

Source: www.grandfamilies.org & US Census Bureau, Quick Facts
Some Solutions/Strategies on Stemming the Tide of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG)

• Decrease Teen Pregnancy/Delayed Parenting
• Increase Support/Services for Reunification of Parents and Children
• Economic Development/Employment
• Address Challenges (Behavioral Health, Incarceration, etc.)
• Increase resources for GRG
• Other ideas?

GRANDPARENTS MUST BE PART OF THE SOLUTION