



From Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) to Supporting all Kinship Families – A Tailored Approach

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we stand on the ancestral lands of the Kumeyaay people, who have lived here for thousands of years. Today, the Kumeyaay continue to maintain their culture and sovereignty as vital members of the San Diego community.

They are a people whose traditional lifeways intertwine with a worldview of earth and sky in a community of living beings. This land is part of a relationship that has nourished, healed, protected and embraced the Kumeyaay people to the present day.

Indigenous peoples across the Americas once moved freely, without the constraints of modern borders. Tribes traveled for hunting, agriculture, and community, moving fluidly across what is now the US, Canada, and Mexico. The Kumeyaay and Indigenous peoples from the south of the border share this deep connection to the land, and it is important to honor that unity. We are all one.

What kinds of partner organizations should be considered to most effectively reach kinship caregivers and maximize the impact of kinship support initiatives?



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What cultural-relevant resources and communication tools have you created, or would you like to create in the future?

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Resource Referrals

SAN DIEGO KINSHIP ROAD MAP

Are you raising your grandchild, another family member's child, or a close family friend's child? This roadmap will guide you step by step through this journey. Check the back for resources to help you along the way.

Step 01 **Establish Caregiver Status**

If possible, work with the child's parents to get important documents. You will need the child's birth certificate and Social Security number. Try to get a "power of attorney" signed by the parents that spells out your role. If the parents are absent, consider completing a "caregiver's authorization affidavit."

* If the child was placed with you by the County's Child and Family Well Being Department (CFWB), work with your case worker and they can help you get information needed to care for your child. Complete your Resource Family Approval process to care for your kin children in foster care and possibly long-term.

Step 02 **Address Basic Needs**

Schedule health checkups, enroll the child in school, and connect with community resources. Consider applying for benefits such as Medi-Cal, CalFresh, WIC, CalWORKS child-only or family grants, and child care subsidies.

* If the child was placed with you by CFWB, work with your caseworker on the child's health and education needs. Your caseworker can help you get resources such as foster care payments, child care, and more.

Step 03 **Secure Other Support**

Consider joining a caregiver support group for advice and emotional help. If needed for the child, get counseling and/or help for developmental needs.

* If the child was placed with you by CFWB, your case worker can help connect you to services for you and the child.

Step 04 **Consider Permanent Legal Options**

Consider options, like adoption or guardianship, for creating a legally permanent family.

* If the child was placed with you by CFWB and can't go back to their parents, think about permanent care through adoption or guardianship. These legal options provide stability for the child and possible financial supports for caregivers.



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Kinship Website

- AGING
 - Aging Roadmap
 - + Age-Friendly Communities
 - Intergenerational

Kinship Families



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Kinship Families

In 2011, the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) initiative was launched to provide resources and assistance for grandparents and other kinship caregivers raising children on their own. The County of San Diego and its partners work together to expand services and support for children and relatives inside and outside of the formal care system.

A kinship caregiver is someone who is raising a relative or non-relative child, such as a:

- Grandparent raising a grandchild
- Aunt or Uncle raising a niece or nephew
- Older sibling raising a younger sibling
- Family friend raising a child
- Can be inside or outside of the foster care system

These caregivers are responsible for the child's needs, and may be limited in the funds, skills, time, and resources to do so.

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KINSHIP WEBPAGE



What are some best practices for family-focused programming activities that can support Kin families to enhance connection?



GRG PROGRAMMING EFFORTS



Family Enrichment Events

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Zoo & Safari Park Family Enrichment Day / SeaWorld
- Kinship Corners
- Gramping, nature hikes, picnics, distributions

Education

- Resource Symposiums
- Legal Educational Sessions, Heart Health Events, Mental Health, Substance Misuse/Prevention, Teen Education

Partnerships on Events and Other Opportunities

- Balboa Park Passes
- YMCA Kinship Program
- Quarterly GRG Workgroup



What are some examples of ways to create cross-systems collaboration?



WAYS TO COLLABORATE

- Invite school/organization staff to learn more on what is a kinship family and the resources available
- Connect kinship families to available community programs and resources
- Do Key Informant interviews with partner groups
- School/Organization Resource Fairs
 - Support with connecting with partner organizations who have direct services for kinship and/or foster families
 - Offer Presentations on GRG



Bridging Systems for Kinship Families in San Diego

Toolkit to Help Raise Awareness

**GRANDFAMILIES & KINSHIP
SUPPORT NETWORK**
A National Technical Assistance Center



KINSHIP PROMOTIONAL VIDEO



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SAMPLE RESOURCES

- Kinship Families Webpage
- GRG quarterly newsletter distribution list to stay up to date on calendar of events & resources!
- Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network - Nationwide resource to Bridging Systems for Kinship Families
- YMCA Kinship Support Services
- Assertive Family Solutions
- SAY San Diego Project KEEP
- Foster, Adoptive, & Kinship Education Program through Grossmont College
- Live Well on Wheels (LWOW) Mobile Office- Community Health & Engagement Team
- Handbook for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Other Relative Caregivers
- Kinship Family Cookbook

THANK YOU!



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