



# Central Illinois Agency on Aging Inc.

## RAPP

### Relatives as Parents Program (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren)

Parenting a second time around... caring for children 18 years and under

#### Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)

The Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) was initiated by the Brookdale Foundation in 1996. It is designed to encourage and promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting due to the absence of the parents.



#### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

*Nationally,*

- ◆ 7.8 million children under the age of 18 live in grandparent-headed households.
- ◆ 2.7million grandparents raise their grandchildren.

*Illinois* ranks 4th in the nation with over 318,042 children living in grandparent headed households.

*In our 6-county service area,* over 3,000 grandparents are raising over 5,000 children under the age of 18.

- ◆ Grandparent caregivers range in age from 30 to 90 years of age.
- ◆ Most have cared for the children 5 years or longer and are raising 1 to 2 children.
- ◆ The grandparents' average income is between \$15,000 and \$25,000.
- ◆ The majority of grandparents are single women.

#### Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)

##### RAPP for Tweens and Teens

###### Time and Location

9:30 am –1:00 pm

RAPP for Tweens and Teens  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month

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##### TEEN TALK

###### Group Share Sessions

for teens, ages 13 to 17 being raised by their grandparents or other relatives

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month

5:30 - 7 p.m.

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#### For Adults

##### *Central Illinois Task Force on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*

Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc. hosts educational programs, recreational activities, group share sessions for tweens, ages 8-12 and for teens, ages 13-17 being raised by their grandparents or other relatives on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.

This is an opportunity for the grandparents to come fellowship and support one another and identify issues and needs.

We're looking forward to having the grandparents come out to be involved in this great program.

See you there !!

**Parenting Adults are invited to attend and get involved!**

For more information contact

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