

Why Do Children Live with Their Grandparents?

Substance Abuse
Divorce
Incarceration/Missing
Illness and Death
Family Abuse and Neglect
Teen Pregnancy
Unemployment/Military Deployment

What Problems Are Experienced By Grandchildren Being Raised By Their Grandparents?

Separation
Loss of identity
Fears
Embarrassment
Anger
Inappropriate sexual behavior
Academic failure



WE CAN HELP!

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Illinois ranks 4th nationally in the number of grandchildren living in over 200,000 grandparent headed households.



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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren



Heart of Illinois



**Help is available for
Grandparents Raising
Grandchildren in Illinois
through the
Family Caregiver Program**

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What We Do

♥ Contact one of our Information and Assistance Specialists to find help in your area.



♥ We offer support groups and counseling with a contract with Bradley University Counseling and Research

♥ We offer social events, holiday parties and back to school supplies, to name just a few activities offered.

Consider your own needs as a caregiver. Watch for signs of depression or sadness, increased blood pressure and fatigue, and back pain - especially if you must lift a very young child.



RAPP Relatives as Parents

- ◆ Several Things Offered for Relatives as Parents
- ◆ Taking care of yourself
- ◆ Healthy Eating Nutrition Program
- ◆ Support Group Meetings Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month
- ◆ The importance of education
- ◆ Provides links for available community services
- ◆ Monthly activity outings
- ◆ Thinking ahead to be prepared

And much more!

Contact our RAPP (Relatives as Parent) coordinator at **309-674-2071**

Other helpful numbers and websites
Bradley University Counseling and Research
#309-677-3189
Crittenton Crisis Nursery
#309-674-4125
Benefits Check Up
www.benefitscheckup.org

2007-2011 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 5YR ESTIMATES - NUMBER OF GRANDCHILDREN RESIDING WITH GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE HOUSEHOLDERS

COUNTY	# GRANDCHILDREN
Fulton	631
Marshall	195
Peoria	2,599
Stark	84
Tazewell	1,771
Woodford	350
TOTAL:	5,630

Available Services* to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (55 and older) include information on:

- ♥ Financial and Legal Services
 - ♥ Food Assistance
- ♥ Health Services & Supplemental Nutrition Programs
 - ♥ Health Insurance (Kid Care)
 - ♥ Individual Counseling
- ♥ Support Groups (English & Hispanic)
 - ♥ Child Only Grants (TANF)
 - ♥ Child Care Resources
- ♥ Resources for developmental needs of a child
 - ♥ Tax Benefits

*Some programs are income based.