Who Are Arizona’s Grandfamilies?
2018

Age of Grandchildren
- Under 6 years: 42%
- 6 – 11 years: 33%
- 12 – 17 years: 25%

Race and Ethnicity of Grandkids
American Indian children make up 6% of AZ’s child population, yet comprise 15% of all kids being raised by their grandparents.

One in Five
Grandparents raising their grandkids has a disability

More than One in four
Grandkids in grandfamilies lives in poverty

One in Five
Grandparents raising their grandkids are working or job hunting

5%
Of all children in AZ are being raised by their grandparents

5%
of all children in AZ

57%
of grandparents raising their grandchildren are working or job hunting

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, One Year Estimates, 2016. Figures do not include grandchildren who have been adopted by their grandparents.
WHY CHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO LIVE WITH THEIR PARENTS:

*Parents are in poor health or deceased
*Parents have substance abuse problems
*Parents have mental health issues
*Parents are in the military and deployed
*Child abuse, neglect or abandonment
*Parents are incarcerated

Source: Stepping Up for Kids, What Government and Communities Should Do to Support Kinship Families, Annie E. Casey Foundation, January 2012

KINSHIP CARE IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN!

Research shows that kids raised in kinship care:

- Adjust better to their new environment
- Experience fewer behavioral problems and psychiatric disorders
- Have fewer educational disruptions
- Have more permanent, stable families

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ARIZONA’S POLICIES LEAVE THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN BEING RAISED BY RELATIVES STRUGGLING IN FAMILIES WITH LITTLE OR NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

- More than 100,000 children in AZ are being raised by grandparents and other relatives.
- Only 2,400 benefit from TANF cash assistance ($163 per month) even though many more are qualified
- Only 2,600 benefit from the "grandparent stipend" ($75 per month)
- Only 1,500 live in families benefitting from monthly foster care licensing payments ($625 - $900 per month) even though many more are placed in foster care
- In July 2010, more than 14,000 lost financial assistance due to budget cuts that have never been restored.

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