

Cooperative Extension's Educational Responses to Relative Caregivers' Needs and Concerns: Resource List

The Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, a national organization, that works through state and local partnerships creates and disseminates knowledge in numerous areas. One of their programming focuses is on families, youth and communities which includes relative caregiving. After the 1999 national satellite program, *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Implications for Professionals and Agencies* state and local Extension staff responded to the needs of relative caregivers by becoming involved in community partnerships and by developing needed educational resources. This resource list is an attempt to share the various educational resources developed and to highlight the various roles and responsibilities Extension staff have within their state and communities related to relative caregiving.

Partnerships with the Brookdale Foundation

Many Extension staff have received Brookdale Foundation grants to develop support groups and educational programs at state and local levels. The following are lists of states/counties which received Brookdale grants in which Extension was identified as a lead organization or a partner. There are many other Extension staff involved at state and local levels with Brookdale Foundation projects, but they were not identified as a leader organization.

Statewide Grants

North Carolina	1996
Wisconsin	1998
Indiana	1999
Alabama	2002
Missouri	2003
Montana	2003
Oregon	2003

Local Grants

Arizona	Coconino Co.	2004
New York	Canandaigua	2004
	Middleton	2004
	Canandaigua	1998
	Middleton	1998
	Owego	2002

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Statewide Networks

Extension staff are involved in statewide networks by providing leadership, developing educational resources, conducting training and by helping the network accomplish their goals.

Alabama

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System-Family and Human Services Division provides a statewide information network for kinship care providers. The network has established a statewide coalition with the Area Agency on Aging, AARP and the Department of Human Resources. The state coalition provides financial support and educational services to local communities to assist them in forming local support groups based on a state model. The state model offers community information meetings with speakers, an attorney specializing in the needs of senior citizens, and educational seminars.

Contact: Wilma Ruffin, Development Specialist, at (256) 858-4960 or wruffin@acesag.auburn.edu

Arizona

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in Southern Arizona Coalition is a group of grandparents and other relative caregivers raising children, and service providers in Yuma, Pima, Maricopa, Graham, Coconino, and Cochise counties. Sponsored by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, the coalition provides referrals to Arizona kinship care families, including information on legal options, parenting skills, community food banks, support groups, school resources, and wellness centers. The coalition has also developed a kinship care resource flyer in English and Spanish and a resource notebook. Contact: Linda Block, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Pima at (502) 626-5161 or lblock@ag.arizona.edu. The website is <http://www.ag.arizona.edu/grandparents>

Hawaii

Na Tutu (“grandmothers”) is a coalition of grandparents and other relative caregivers and several state and community agencies serving kinship care families, including Hawaii AARP, the Hawaii Cooperative Extension Service, the Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division, and Parents and Children Together. Started in 1999 in response to a video teleconference on kinship care issues at the University of Hawaii’s College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service, the Coalition has been instrumental in bringing a medical and educational consent law before Hawaii’s state legislature and in bringing attention to other kinship care-related policy and service initiatives. Na Tutu is an advocacy group and does not provide direct services. Contact: Jacqueline T. Chong, Chairperson, at (808) 239-8908 or chongj001@hawaii.rr.com

Idaho

The Idaho Kincare Coalition is a group of individuals and organizations, public and private, with connections statewide. The mission of the organization is to promote legislative and social change through advocacy and education and to provide the social supports needed by grandparents and other relatives raising the children in their care. Members include the facilitating organization, the Idaho Commission on Aging, AARP, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, University of Idaho Extension Services, Idaho State Bar Association, Head Start, as well as other child advocacy organizations like the Family Advocate Program, relatives as parents support groups, Area Agencies on Aging

and others. The Coalition's website of emerging support groups or those groups underway is at <http://www.idahoaging.com>. Contact: Pam Catt-Oliason, Idaho Commission on Aging, at (208) 334-3833

Illinois

The Illinois Task Force on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren works to locate, assist and promote awareness of older caregivers who are currently raising their grandchildren. Contact: <http://www.state.il.us/aging/intergen/grg.htm> or the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine 1-800-252-8966

Indiana

The Indiana Bureau of Aging and In-Home Services and the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service established The Relatives as Parents (RAPP) State Initiative Program. The program, funded by the Brookdale Foundation, initiated several kinship care support groups across the state. It also formed the RAPP Steering Committee with representatives from more than 39 state and local service providers and agencies that serve kinship care families to assess the needs of kinship care families. Recent activities include a Relatives as Parents Workshop Series for state employees who are relative caregivers. Contact Dena B. Targ, dtarg@purdue.edu

Montana

The Montana Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project is a partnership of organizations and agencies across the state dedicated to supporting grandparents who are parenting a second time around. The project is involved in helping to start local support groups, producing fact sheets and newsletters for grandparents raising grandchildren and facilitating the dissemination of resources available in the state. For more information, contact Sandra Bailey, Family & Human Development Specialist, MSU Extension at 406-994-6745 or baileys@montana.edu You can also visit our Web site at: <http://www.montana.edu/wwwhd/grg/>

North Carolina

In 1997, North Carolina became one of the first states to receive a grant from the Brookdale Foundation's Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) to initiate a statewide task force, interagency collaborations, and development of local support groups. Recently, North Carolina Cooperative Extension has joined the North Carolina Division of Aging as a partner in the RAPP initiative. Contact: Dr. Luci Bearon, Adult Development/Aging Specialist, at (919) 515-9146 or luci_bearon@ncsu.edu

Virginia

The Virginia Department for the Aging's Kinship Care Initiative is a statewide information and support network for older Virginians raising children. Sponsored by the Brookdale Foundation's Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP), the Initiative offers support groups and information for relatives serving as parents. It also works closely with other state agencies and private organizations to meet the service needs of kinship care families. One of these groups, the Virginia Cooperative Extension, has developed a curriculum and lecture series entitled *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Rights and Responsibilities*. Also, the Department for the Aging has published *Grandparents Caring for*

Grandchildren: A Resource Guide to direct kinship care families to available services. Contact: Ellen Nau, Virginia Department for the Aging, at (804) 662-9340 or enau@vdh.state.va.us

West Virginia

The West Virginia Relatives as Parents Program is an educational and referral program for West Virginia kinship caregivers. The program is administrated by the West Virginia University Extension Service and supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, the Children's Bureau. Other funding has come from the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services, the Brookdale Foundation, and AARP. Partnering organization include the WV Department of Human Resources and Mission WV, Inc. RAPP offers support groups, informational workshops for support group facilitators and community agencies, and referrals to community resources. Its objective is to create and expand supportive, community-based services for kinship caregivers, improve community and state agency responses to kinship care families of their needs, and raise community awareness. Contact: Allison Nichols, West Virginia University Extension Services, at (304) 293-2697 or ahnichols@mail.wvu.edu

Wisconsin

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Partnership of Wisconsin is a statewide network of kinship caregivers and service providers that work together on issues and concerns facing grandparents raising grandchildren. Spearheaded by the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging & Long Term Care Resources, and the University of Wisconsin Extension, the GRG Partnership provides information on local services available to kinship care families, including social and legal services, and public benefits. The partnership works to develop a statewide network of support groups. In addition to a statewide needs assessment for kinship care families, the GRG Partnership offers a range of educational programs for kinship caregivers and the public. For more information, go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/grgp/>. The website offers a list of Wisconsin grandparent support groups, fact sheets, and a resource guide called *Grandparents/Relatives Raising and Nurturing Dependent Children (GRAND)*. Contact: Mary Brintnall-Peterson, University of Wisconsin-Extension, at (608) 262-8083 or; Barbara Robinson, Bureau of Aging & Long Term Care, at (608) 266-7498 or robinbj@dhfs.state.wi.us

Local Networks

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New Jersey

The Passaic County Grandparents as Parents Task Force was formed as a result of Rutgers Cooperative Extension hosting the 1999 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren videoconference. The task force is a network of health and human services professionals, grandparents, agency representatives, and elected officials, including our county's freeholders. The purpose of GAP is to identify the needs of non-parental adults raising children, recommend programs, identify public policy issues, and recommend legislative changes. The task force meets monthly. Grandparents have organized a support group that

meets monthly. A resource guide has been developed. One thousand copies were distributed. Plans are underway to have the resource guide printed in Spanish. Our biggest need is to secure funding the task force. We would like to have funds to sponsor a summer camp for caregivers. Contact: Maria Young, County Extension Department Head, Passaic County, New Jersey, 973-305-5742, young@rce.rutgers.edu

Colorado

The Weld County GRG task force developed after Cooperative Extension's leadership in presenting the 1999 satellite. Highlights of the group of agencies and grandparents include: revision of Legal Guide Book for GRG, 4-6 evening free legal topic presentations with 2 attorneys presenting followed by individual time for private questions; picnic for GRG and grandchildren; conferences, support materials for community support group; resource guide to assist in referrals; Radio, television, booths, newsletter and news column in free senior newspaper written by various agency professionals over a years' time. Contact: Donna Liess, dliess@co.weld.co.us or 970-356-4000 Ext. 14480

Educational programs

Arizona

1. The Kinship and Adoption Resource & Education (K.A.R.E.) Family Center provides information and service referrals for grandparents and other relatives raising children inside and outside of Arizona's foster care system. The program, a partnership of the Arizona Children's Association, Department of Economic Security, Casey Family Programs Tucson Division, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Southern Arizona Coalition, United Cerebral Palsy, and the Pima Council on Aging, serves the Tucson metropolitan area. This is a one-stop facility that provides referrals, resources, education, and emotional support to relatives raising other relatives' children, as well as guardians, and adoptive families. Contact: Laurie Melrood, Director, Kinship and Guardianship Programs, Arizona Children's Association, at 520-323-4476 or lmelrood@arizonaschildren.org

2. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference – a statewide conference that has been offered for the last five years by the University of Arizona's Cooperative Extension Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Southern Arizona Coalition. This conference is being done regionally within the last year. Contact: Linda Block: (502) 626-5161 or lblock@ag.arizona.edu

Colorado

As an extension of a grant from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division of the State Department of Health for parenting education, a second focus has been started by Cooperative Extension for a Kinship Care program that includes technical assistance on program development, a curriculum training-of trainers (utilizing "Parenting the Second Time Around"-MI), providing grandparenting classes and evaluation. Contact: Christine Cerbana-Whaley, cwhaley@coop.ext.colostate or (970) 491-12101.

Kentucky

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

A new program through which grandparents are introduced to new parenting techniques,

learn about community agencies and how to access the same, achieve computer literacy, and learn mutual support techniques. Grandparents participate in monthly support group meetings and seminars, and receive a newsletter. Contact: Sam Quick, (859) 257-7753, squick@ca.uky.edu

New Hampshire

Grandparents As Parents

A parent education series offered through a community resource center to grandparents parenting their grandchildren. Contact: Charlene Baxter, (603)862-2485, charlene.baxter@unh.edu

New York

1. Help for Caretaker Relatives Program delivers a wide range of services that address the multiple needs of caregivers and the children in their care. There are currently 19 community based, not-for-profit and voluntary agency providers throughout New York State Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County providing comprehensive resource/referral services as well as counseling.

2. Grandparents As Parents

The Cornell Applied Gerontology Research Institute is a foundation for Cornell Cooperative Extension programming. Three Extension educators lead community education activities and serve as a resource to other extension educators throughout the state. Efforts include workshops, newsletters, support groups, collaboration, cooperation, and use of resources of the community agencies and organizations. Contact: Rhoda Meador, (607)255-1661, rhm2@cornell.edu

North Carolina

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Foundations for Educational Program Development and Public Service

A state project to address the information needs of grandparents raising grandchildren, and the professionals who work with this population. The project's primary aim is to assemble a collection of practical and educational resource materials to be used in the preparation of information packets for grandparents and professionals. It is a collaborative program that involves the North Carolina Division of Aging. Contact: Luci Bearon, (919) 515-9146 luci_bearon@ncsu.edu

Wisconsin/Indiana

Provided leadership to two national satellite programs. The first in 1999 was entitled *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Implications for Professionals and Agencies*. It was re-packaged into a 3-session educational package entitled *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Educational Program*. It is available at no charge from AARP at: gic@aarp.org Information to support the program is also available on the Web at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/gprg/gprg.html>

The second program, *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Legal and Policy Issues*, in 2001. This was repackaged into a video-based program designed for presentation to

grandparents who are raising grandchildren, other relatives who are raising kin, the professionals and paraprofessionals who work with them, and interested community members. The program consists of a videotape and a CD ROM, which contains background information for the facilitator plus detailed lesson plans and handouts. For more information, see the Web site at:

<http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/extension/grandparents/>

To order the program, Item Number CFS-725, send a check or money order for \$35.00 (includes shipping and handling), payable to “Purdue University” to:

Agricultural Communication, Media Distribution Center, 231 S. University Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2094

Relative caregiving programming as part of existing programs

Idaho

The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension sponsors several programs to educate kinship care families about the benefits and services available to them. The Cooperative Extension incorporates grandparents raising grandchildren into many of its educational programs, including parenting and nutrition education programs. It has also sponsored two national videoconferences on Grandparents as Parents. Contact: Harriet Shaklee, Margaret Ritchie School of Family and Consumer Sciences, University of Idaho Cooperative Extension, at (208) 364-4016 or hshaklee@uidaho.edu

Missouri

The University of Missouri Extension Service addresses a wide variety of aging and intergenerational issues, including barriers facing Missouri kinship care families. In addition to sponsoring national teleconferences on kinship care issues, they also provide information, resources, and referrals to kinship care families across Missouri. Contact: Betty Reinsch, Human Development Specialist, at (314) 615-7605 or ReinschE@missouri.edu

New Hampshire

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) Cooperative Extension offers parenting education to kinship caregivers and others throughout the state through newsletters on infant and toddler care and development, workshops on child development and parenting issues, parenting fact sheets and publications, a website at <http://www.ceinfo.unh.edu>, and volunteers who provide parenting education. Videos of the national Extension network’s satellite conferences on the needs of grandparents raising grandchildren are available through UNH Cooperative Extension offices in each of the state’s 10 counties. Contact: Charlene Baxter, Program Leader, Family Development and Communities, UNH Cooperative Extension, at (603) 862-2485 or charlene.baxter@unh.edu

North Carolina

The North Carolina Cooperative Extension provides workshops and programs for grandparents and other relatives raising children and for professionals. **Contact:** Dr. Luci Bearon, Adult Development/Aging Specialist, at (919) 515-9146 or luci_bearon@ncsu.edu.

Texas

In Texas, Prairie View A& M Extension provides information to support and assist 90 grandparents who are parenting their grandchildren in five counties.

Support Group Development/Training/Support(note* developing materials is in next section)

Arizona

Training manual for Kinship support groups. Extension was involved in its development. Can be downloaded on the web at:

<http://www.de.state.az.us/gaca/pdf/grandparentsmanual.pdf>

Coconino County in Arizona developed a Mentoring Curriculum and the contact is Beth Tucker, (928) 774-1868 or email: tucker@ag.arizona.edu

The GRG Resource Notebook is available at:

www.cals.arizona.edu/grandparents

Idaho

A Powerpoint presentation was developed to aid in support group leader training or in giving presentations to community groups. The content of the presentation is to apprise the audience of the scope of the problem and to outline the specific challenges (beyond parenting) that are faced by grandparents and other kin raising children. Presentation will be emailed upon request. Contact: Diana Christensen, Extension Educator, Gooding County, Idaho; (208) 934-4417 or dianac@uidaho.edu

New Jersey

Supportive and Educational Services: **Rutgers Cooperative Extension's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program** offers quarterly group meetings for grandparents and the children they raise led by Rutgers faculty members and featuring presenters on various topics affecting grandparents raising grandchildren. Contact: Marilou Rochford, Associate Professor, Rutgers University, at (609) 465-5115

New York

Support group Phone Survey/Evaluation Tool, a concise phone survey designed to assess the effectiveness of the RAPP support program. Areas include: resource knowledge, parenting skills, support and coping skills. **Contact:** Brenda Reynolds, br23@cornell.edu, 845-344-1234.

Montana

Trained facilitators to start support groups at two different training sessions using the Cornell *Parenting the Second Time Around* curriculum. Contact: Sandra J. Bailey, MSU Extension at 406-994-6745 or baileys@montana.edu

Texas

Willis ISD Grandparents Group-Texas Cooperative Extension served as the supporting agency for creation of support group for 10 grandparents. Also, helped identify goals, plan

program, and recruited volunteers. Each month, a grandparenting topic was featured as a roundtable discussion, with all members invited to contribute ideas. Contact: Linda Mock, County Extension Agent, (936) 539-7825 or l-mock@tamu.edu

Washington

Trainers from Washington State University are conducting 10-20 hour trainings for community educators support group leaders and Head Start directors based on Parenting the Second Time Around.

West Virginia

There is now a kinship support group in 39 of West Virginia's 55 counties. These support groups are facilitated by Extension Educators, social service agency personnel, and kinship caregivers. Each year, West Virginia RAPP holds a two-day workshop for kinship group facilitators. Facilitators also participate in bi-monthly telephone conference calls on which they can learn from each other's successes and barriers. Facilitators and interested service personnel are linked by the RAPP listserve. Contact: Allison Nichols, 304-293-2694, Ext. 3451.

Wisconsin/ Kentucky/Illinois

Many local county Extension staff are facilitating or sponsoring relative as parents support groups. Some serve on an oversight/advisory committee for support groups in their community.

Materials Developed

Curricula

Florida

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, written by Millie Ferrer, Department of Family, Youth and Community Services. To obtain copies, contact Millie at (352) 846-1003 Ext. 233 or ferrer@ifas.ufl.edu

Michigan

The Second Time Around Program, provided through the **Michigan State University Extension**, is a support program for grandparents raising grandchildren. Grandparents are invited to participate in an eight-week, curriculum-based information series. **Contact:** Joyce Stout, Coordinator, (616) 383-8830 or stoutj@msue.msu.edu. The website is <http://kalcounty.com/msue/grand/index.htm>

New York

Help for Grandparents Raising Children with Developmental Disabilities, written by Janette Dennis Cohen, Family and Youth Development Specialist/Assistant Director. She is no longer with Extension. To order copies of curriculum contact the new York State Office on Aging at: <http://aging.state.ny.us/nysofa> or call 1-800-342-9871

A New Cornell Cooperative Extension workshop manual, *Parenting the Second Time Around (PASTA)*, for those who work with grandparents and relatives who are parenting again. Training has also been developed for grandparents and relative caregiver groups. **Contact:** Denyse Variano or Isabelle Jensen, dav4@cornell.edu or idj1@cornell.edu or

call: 845-344-1234 or 585-394-3977 Ext. 23. To order copies of the manual, contact Media & Technology Services Center, Cornell University, 7 Cornell Business & Technology Park, Ithaca, NY 14850. Web site at: <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/publications/catalog.html>

Pennsylvania

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Doubly Stressed, Triply Blessed. For ordering information, contact Publications Distribution Center, The Pennsylvania State University, 112 Ag Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802, (814) 865-6713

West Virginia

“Legal Issues for West Virginia Kin-caregivers” is a manual that describes the legal issues related to raising a child for another relative that are specific to West Virginia. The manual is divided into two sections; the formal and the informal systems.

Fact Sheets

Georgia

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Fourteen fact sheets on a variety of topics of concern for grandparents. Contact Diane Bales, University of Georgia at (706) 542-7566 or dbales@uga.edu
<http://www.fcs.uga.edu/extension/cyf-pubs.php>

Idaho

18 Tip Sheets with helpful suggestions and lists of statewide resources on topics from healthy eating to youth suicide. These are topics of concern to grandparents raising grandchildren and are tailored to their situation. The tip sheets will also be used for support group leader training. Topics are: Idaho KinCare Coalition Fact Sheet, Support Groups, Depression, Youth at Risk for Suicide, 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine, Poison Prevention, Keeping Kids Safe When They Ride With You, Child Sexual Abuse, Healthy Eating For Your Child, Early Childhood Information Clearinghouse, Parent Information and Resource Center, Children’s Health Insurance Program, Assistance from Idaho Health and Welfare Self Reliance Program, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) and Red Flags Idaho, Idaho Infant Toddler Program, Idaho WIC, CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate, and Is Your Child Ready to Stay Alone? Copies can be emailed upon request. Contact: Diana Christensen, Extension Educator, Gooding County, Idaho; (208) 934-4417 or dianac@uidaho.edu or they may be viewed and downloaded in PDF format at: <http://www.ifep.net/kincare.htm> or at: http://www.idahoaging.com/programs/ps_caregiverGAP.htm

New Jersey

Grandparents as Parents—Concerns, Challenges, and Directions for Support
<http://www.rce.rutgers.edu/publs/pdfs/fs218.pdf>
Grandparents as Parents—Exploring Resources
<http://www.rce.rutgers.edu/publs/pdfs/fs255.pdf>

Ohio

Grandparents Helping Grandchildren in Times of Stress

<http://www.ohioline.osu.edu/ss-fact/0156.html>

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Census Bureau Facts

<http://www.ohioline.osu.edu/ss-fact/0157.html>

Grandparents AS Parents Again

<http://www.ohioline.osu.edu/ss-fact/0158.html>

Texas

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Resource Fact Sheet. Contact Linda Coleman,

Linda.coleman@fortbend.K12.tx.us, (713) 709-2294 for more information.

West Virginia

The West Virginia RAPP program produces quarterly newsletters that are distributed to all of our county groups and to others interested in kin care. These newsletters contain short articles of interest to kin caregivers.

The West Virginia RAPP program has fact sheets for kin caregivers on educational issues, the West Virginia Court system, insurance options, and health issues.

For more information on our materials, contact Allison Nichols, West Virginia University Extension Service, 304-293-2694 Ext. 3451 or ahnichols@mail.wvu.edu

Wisconsin

1. Through the Eyes of a Child: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:
<http://www.uwex.edu/relationships>
2. Grandparents Rights and Responsibilities: Wisconsin Laws (B3702)
<http://www1.uwex.edu/ces/pubs/pdf/B3702.PDF>

Needs Assessment/Research

New York

“The Well Being of NY Children Cared for by Relatives”, with a research brief “Relative Caregivers” has been published by Rachel Dunifon. It can be accessed through the Web site at: <http://www.parenting.cit.cornell.edu>

West Virginia

Survey of relative parents in caregiver characteristics (sex, age, marital status, education, physical health, etc.) types of services used, services needed, and assistance from both parents. Contact Allison Nichols, (304) 293-2697 or ahnichols@mail.wvu.edu

Wisconsin

Community Needs Assessment designed for local coalitions to implement in their county. Currently being piloted for the second time and will eventually be available on the Web.

Contact: Mary Brintnall-Peterson, (608) 262-8083,
mary.brintnall-peterson@ces.uwex.edu

Newsletters

Illinois

Parenting Again, has been a monthly statewide newsletter for three years, and recently changed to six times per year.

<http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/grandparents/index.html>

New Jersey

Quarterly “*Kinship Connection*” Marilou Rochford, (609) 465-5115

New York

Nutrition Newsline, a nutrition education component of RAPP, is a nutrition, health, and food safety newsletter sent to RAP families three times a year. **Contact:** Brenda Reynolds or Darlene Price, br23@cornell.edu or ntp2@cornell.edu, 845-344-1234.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County publishes a monthly newsletter, "Caring for Kids". Contract for a white master copy is available across the state to local Cooperative Extension offices. The cost is \$270. The publication can be used with local programs reaching out to parents/caregivers with children- birth to age 10. Eleven issues (November/Decembers is a combined issue) are distributed to those who need a quick, practical, research based, low cost, low hassle for big impact, newsletter. All the Head Start Programs in our county contract for multiple copies. It serves their need to produce a newsletter for their families. For more information, contact Isabelle Doran Jensen at 585 394-3977 Ext. 23 or idj1@cornell.edu

Wisconsin

Polk/Burnett County Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Newsletter; quarterly newsletter available through Gail Peavey at (715) 485-8600 or Marilyn Kooiker at (715) 349-2151. Available on the web at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/grandparent/winewsltr.html>

Resource Guides

North Carolina

Statewide coalition is in the process of developing a resource guide. Contact Luci Bearon, Dept. of Family & Consumer Sciences, PO Box 7605, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-7605; (919) 515-9146, luci_bearon@ncsu.edu

Indiana

A series of factsheets about resources entitled *Relatives As Parents: Answer to Basic Concerns* (RAP:ABC's) is in the final stages of development. Extension took the lead in

New York

Relatives as Parents Program-Resource Guide, a guide to supportive services in Orange County, NY. Contact: Brenda Reynolds, br23@cornell.edu, 845-344-1234.

Ohio

An Ohio Directory of Resources specific to Ohio on child care, clothing, education, employment, family support services, financial assistance, health care, hunger, housing and homelessness, and legal issues.

<http://www.sandusky.osu.edu/gparent/gparent.htm>

Contact Sharon L. Mader, Ohio State University Extension, Sandusky County, 2000 Countryside Drive, Fremont, OH, 43420-9574; (419) 334-6340

Pennsylvania

Resource data is available on the web at:

<http://www.intergenerational.cas.psu.edu/GRG/default.htm>

Wisconsin

The GRAND (Grandparents/Relatives Raising and Nurturing Dependent Children)

Resource guide provides answers to questions grandparents have who are parenting again.

It was developed so Wisconsin counties could localize the resource section of each chapter.

The content of the eight chapters include: child care, counseling, education, financial assistance, health, housing, legal, and parenting again. GRAND can be viewed at

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/grandparent/grand> or contact mary.brintnall-peterson@ces.uwex.edu or (608) 262-8083

Support Group Educational Materials

Web Sites

Arizona

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Provides information and resources for grandparents and other relatives.

<http://www.cals.arizona.edu/grandparents>

Pennsylvania

A part of the Intergenerational Programs and Aging Web site is dedicated to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

<http://www.intergenerational.cas.psu.edu/grg.html>

Washington

The Extension-Washington State University, Aging and Disability Services

Administration, and the State Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) Coalition developed a

Relatives as Parents website in 2001. This site contains information on support groups,

kinship media articles, legal resources, links to other related websites, a video lending

library, kinship legislative reports, articles on how to start and maintain support groups,

and access to new resource guides. Visit this site at

<http://parenting.wsu.edu/relative/index.htm>

Wisconsin

Grandparenting Today, review the site at:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/grandparent/index.html>

has information and resources for professionals and relative caregivers. Some of the resources include county specific data, fact sheets, list of support groups, and the GRAND Resource Guide.

Journal Articles and Books

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Marketing Tools

RAPP brochure and poster, used as marketing tools for RAPP. **Contact:** Brenda Reynolds, br23@cornell.edu, 845-344-1234.

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