

# GRANDFAMILIES & KINSHIP SUPPORT NETWORK

A National Technical Assistance Center

Generations United and its partners have built the first ever federally funded national technical assistance center for those who support grandfamilies & kinship families. Together, we are helping government agencies and nonprofits in states, tribes, and territories work across jurisdictional and systemic boundaries to improve supports and services for families in which grandparents, other relatives, or close family friends are raising children whose parents cannot.

We are proud to have assisted agencies and organizations in a variety of ways.

## DURING OUR FIRST THREE YEARS, THE NETWORK:



**CONDUCTED 50+ CROSS-SYSTEM MEETINGS**  
with each state and several tribes and territories to discuss their kinship services



**REACHED OVER 5,500 INDIVIDUALS**  
who subscribe to our monthly newsletter



**HELD 6 HALF-DAY VIRTUAL CONVENINGS**  
- 5 regional and 1 tribal - to kick-off and inform our work



**DESIGNATED 15 KINSHIP PROGRAMS**  
as Exemplary and elevated their replicable practices to others



Disseminated kinship information to **MORE THAN 2,500 FOLLOWERS** on LinkedIn



**RESPONDED TO NEARLY 800 TA REQUESTS**  
from over 50 states, tribes, and territories



**BEGAN INTENSIVELY SUPPORTING 3 JURISDICTIONS**

- Idaho, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, & San Diego County - through our "Bridging Systems for Kinship Families" Initiative



**GAVE 60+ PRESENTATIONS**  
reaching over 61,750 stakeholders



**PUBLISHED OVER 100**  
original resources



**HOSTED 5**  
peer learning communities

## YOU HELP THE FAMILIES, WE HELP YOU

“ We love the Network! It’s the only Newsletter in our Inbox that we are actually eager to read, and indeed we gobble it up. We appreciate how you bring us together and are so effective at sharing knowledge, strategies and resources. The Network was critical to us launching our new program in Southeast Alaska, and having a successful launch.

Holly Handler, Co-Director, Kin Support Program - Haa Yaitx'u Saiani

“ You will help so many families with this information.

Janet Salo, Kinship Navigator, Minnesota  
*Thanking us for a first-of-its-kind resource on the FAFSA that has directions for students raised by kin to complete the federal financial aid application for college.*

“ Y’all are such an amazing resource. As we are starting to dive into the work of serving kinship families, we are grateful for the guidance and the way you have welcomed us to this work, including connecting us with resources and stakeholders specific to our state. I’m excited about continuing to learn from your vast expertise as we build partnerships with folks in our state. Together, we can do so much to benefit kinship families.

Joan Witherspoon-Norris,  
Executive Director,  
Alabama Network of  
Family Resource Centers



In spring 2025, we will roll out an opportunity for agencies or organizations - large and small - to apply to have kinship practices designated as Exemplary.

### LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

Please make sure you've joined our Network by signing up for our newsletter, so you're among the first to hear of our latest resources and opportunities:



### LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP!

Complete this short form and we'll get back to you, free of charge:



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