

**New Mexico Aging & Long-Term Services Department**

# **Aging Network Training**

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## ***Grandparent Resources***

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Most grandparents gain  
great joy from their role

But...

grandparents raising grandchildren also  
face financial, health, housing, education  
& work challenges that impact their life  
and retirement plans

[http://www.aarp.org/relationships/grandparenting/info-12-2010/more\\_grandparents\\_raising\\_grandchildren.html](http://www.aarp.org/relationships/grandparenting/info-12-2010/more_grandparents_raising_grandchildren.html)

There is a need for more support,  
resources & services for  
grandparents raising grandchildren.

AND

There is a need to address the increase  
in the trend of the number and % of  
grandparents raising grandchildren.

# Increase in Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in NM (1990 – 2015)

	Year / Time Period	Number of Grandchildren Raised by Grandparent	Total Number of Children	Percent
<sup>1</sup>	1990	28,013	444,650*	6.3%
<sup>2</sup>	2000	40,603	500,000*	8%
<sup>3</sup>	2005-2009	47,382	504,021	9.4%
<sup>4</sup>	2011-2015	55,259	506,690	10.9%

# Ways Con Alma is supporting GRG Through Funding & Research

## ➤ FUNDING:

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program at Las Cumbres Community Services, <http://grglccs.com>
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conferences

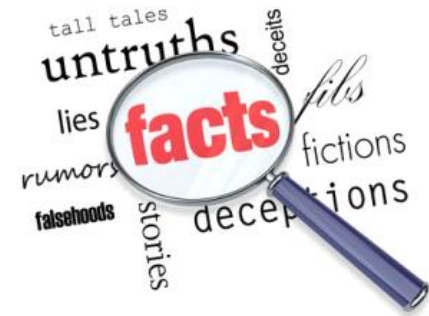
## ➤ RESEARCH:

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Stemming the Tide report (2017)
- GRANDFACTS – New Mexico (2017)

# Key Findings

## Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Report

- There is an increase in the number and percentage of grandparents raising grandchildren
- Grandparents raising grandchildren have more people living at or below the poverty level
- Native Americans & Hispanics represent a higher proportion of all GRG than population at large



# GRANDFACTS

## STATE FACTS SHEETS FOR GRANDFAMILIES (New Mexico)

64,130 (12.7%) children under 18 live in homes where householders are grandparents or other relatives

51,001 (10.1%) of children live with grandparents

13,129 (2.6%) of children live with other relatives

26,241 grandparents are householders responsible for their grandchildren who live with them (23.5% of children)

Source: [www.grandfamilies.org](http://www.grandfamilies.org) & US Census Bureau, Quick Facts

# Some Solutions/Strategies on Stemming the Tide of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG)

- Decrease Teen Pregnancy/Delayed Parenting
- Increase Support/Services for Reunification of Parents and Children
- Economic Development/Employment
- Address Challenges (Behavioral Health, Incarceration, etc.)
- Increase resources for GRG
- Other ideas?



***GRANDPARENTS MUST BE PART OF THE SOLUTION***





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