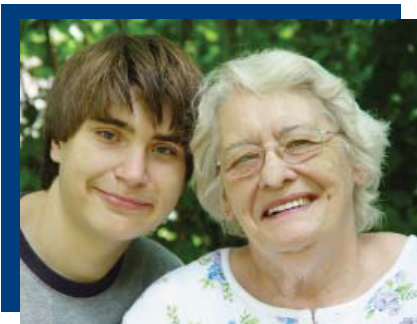


What is the Montana Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Project?

In Montana, and other areas around the country, there is a growing population of grandparents who are called upon to be the primary care giver(s) to their grandchildren. Today, more than 6,600 grandparents in Montana are raising their grandchildren. As a result of the increasing need, Montana State University Extension has teamed up with Montana DPHHS, Montana AARP, and several other state agencies and organizations to provide services and support to grandparents who are faced with the challenges associated with raising their grandchildren.



GRG Project Initiatives

A State Level Task Force & Partnership

This partnership addresses the statewide needs of the GRG Project.

A Network of Support Groups

There are many existing support groups in Montana communities and still more forming. Please contact us or see the website for more information on a support group in your area.

Facilitator Training

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Facilitator Training is a two-day workshop to train GRGs and others to facilitate support groups in their communities. Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a facilitator.

Listserv

A listserv is available for individuals interested in GRG Issues when they arise. Email us at grg@montana.edu to get on the listserv.

Speakers

Upon request, speakers are available on topics related to GRG and the Montana project.

Website

The GRG website has links to valuable resources and guides. The newsletters and brochures can also be accessed from this website. Visit us at: www.montana.edu/wwwhd/grg



Current Projects

Newsletter

This publication provides facilitators of support groups, grandparents and others interested individuals with information on topics of interest to grandparents raising grandchildren in Montana.

Research

The research team at Montana State University is currently studying grandparent wellbeing. Other topics studied in the past include GRG mental health, role conflict, ambiguity in relationships, child behavior problems, stress, and social support.

GRG Seminars

Workshops and conferences are offered for Montana grandparents who are raising their grandchildren and service providers who work with them.

“We’ve got to work to save our children and do it with full respect for the fact that if we do not, no one else is going to do it.” —Dorothy Height

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project is designed to provide support and information to Montana grandparents and other kin who are the primary caregivers for their relative children.



State Partners:

- MSU Extension
- Montana AARP
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Montana PBS
- Tribal Partners
- Montana Child Care Resource and Referral
- Montana Head Start Collaboration
- Montana Office of Public Instruction
- Montana Alliance of Families Touched by Incarceration

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