

Montana Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project



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94% Percentage of Montana grandparents raising their grandchildren outside of the State child welfare system.

6,600 Number of Montanans who have sole responsibility for raising their grandchildren.

\$213,000/day

Amount grandparents raising their grandchildren outside of the State child welfare system save the state of Montana in foster care payments.

~23% Percentage of Montana families headed by kin receiving TANF Child-Only funds.

Average age of Montana grandparents raising their grandchildren.

60 Years

Why do grandparents take on the responsibility of raising their grandchildren?

Parental...

- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health Issues
- Physical Health Issues
- Death
- Financial Reasons
- Teen Pregnancy
- Incarceration
- Military Deployment



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Montana is in the **Top Ten** of all states and the District of Columbia for supplying supportive policies to grandparents and other kin raising children.

These Supportive Policies Include

43% Percentage of Montana children in foster care being raised by grandparents or other kin.

- Education Consent Law
- Health Care Consent Law
- De Facto Custody
- At least one time-limit exception or extension for TANF funds
- Federal GAP (Guardianship Assistance Program) funds
- Lifespan Respite Care Program

In the United States, do you know....

2.7 million grandparents have the sole responsibility of raising their grandchildren.

42% of grandparents have been raising their grandchildren for more than five years.

58% of grandparents raising grandchildren are in the workforce.

21% of grandparents raising grandchildren live below the poverty line.

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