

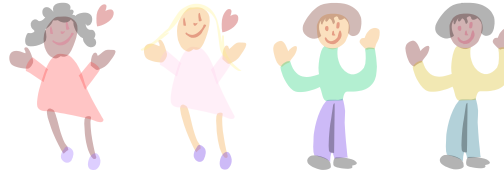
❖ In Riverside County it is estimated that one child in five is living with grandparents.

❖ In 2000, according to the most recent US Census a grandparent was responsible for raising grandchildren in nearly 40 percent of the 45,000 Riverside County households which are composed of grandparents living with one or more grandchild under 18.

❖ The National Center on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, cites the US Census report that of the 294,969 grandparents in California who are responsible for their grandchildren, 21.7 percent live in poverty.

❖ AARP found that 11 percent of grandparents over 50 are caregivers, specifically, 8 percent are providing day care and 3 percent are raising a grandchild.

❖ The largest group of children being raised by grandparents (51%) are preschoolers.



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# GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN PROGRAM

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The County of Riverside recognizes the growing trend of grandparents raising their grandchildren, as well as the obstacles and barriers these grandparents must overcome to assist the children.

## **Advocacy Program**

The Advocacy program offers support to grandparents raising grandchildren, and assists them in receiving services such as, legal services, counseling, affordable childcare, financial and medical assistance, and much more.



## **Child Care/Respite Care Program**\*

The Child Care/Respite Care program offers assistance to grandparents/senior caregivers who need full time or part time child care for their grandchildren who are between the ages of 0 through 5 years old and respite care for those raising 0 through 5 year olds.

**Child Care Coordinator  
(951)791-3578**

## **Multi-Disciplinary Team**\*

Grandparents/relative caregivers may find themselves in complex situations, with a number of concerns to address. The Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) will intervene in these situations on behalf of the grandparent to resolve these issues quickly.

The members of the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) come from a variety of County agencies and work together to help the grandparents and their grandchildren.

Anyone can refer a grandparent to the MDT — an advocate, a teacher, a social service agency or a friend.

If you, or you know of a grandparent who would benefit from intervention by the MDT, please call:

**MDT Coordinator  
(951) 791-3582**

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## **Do you have what it takes to make a difference in someone else's life?**

- ❖ Do you look forward to working with others and helping them with their challenges?
- ❖ Do you want to get back more than you give?
- ❖ Are you willing to volunteer at least 4 hours a week and make a commitment for a year?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions and you would like to volunteer, please contact the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program for more information.

