



Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors

AZGA Leaders Travel to KY to Participate in Community Leadership Institute

AZGA

Mission

The goal of the Grandparents Quarterly Newsletter is to help grandparents and kinship caregivers increase overall effectiveness as community organizers and advocates.

AZGA Support and Advocacy Network is celebrating its 5th year anniversary. We are glad to welcome new grandparents and kinship caregivers members into our state-wide organizing effort!

Community Leadership Institute

AZGA Leaders traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to attend a 3 day conference this past October 15– 18 and came back energized with new skills and information to apply towards their work with Arizona Grandparents Ambassadors.

Laura Jasso described the experience as, “A one of the kind opportunity to strengthen our leadership skills and learn new techniques for improving neighborhoods and community.”

Special thanks to Alonzo Morado from the Primavera Foundation, Kelly Griffith from the Center for Economic Integrity, Mark Vanderhyden from Seeds of Hope and Elizabeth Wilson from Pinal–Gila Council for Senior Citizens for making this trip a possibility for Tucson Ambassadors Ann Nichols, Becky Duncan and Laura Jasso; Casa Grande Ambassador Agnes Flores; and Surprise Ambassadors Sherry Griffin and John Jacob.



Its Important for Grandparents to Know They are Not Alone.

That is why elected officials from **22** cities and towns across Arizona proclaimed September as Kinship Caregiver Month—Apache Junction, Avondale, Benson, Buckeye, Bullhead City, Casa Grande, Camp Verde, Florence, Gilbert, Goodyear, Duey-Humboldt, Litchfield Park, Oro Valley, Payson, Phoenix, Prescott, Prescott Valley, Queen Creek, Safford, Scottsdale, Surprise, and Tucson all joined together to support grandparents raising their grandkids.

Over 67,000 Children Are Being Raised By Their Grandparents In Arizona.



News From Central

As part of the Grandfamilies Month celebration, the Central Arizona Grandparents hosted a Grandparent Workshop at the State Capitol. Karen McLaughlin, CAA Director shared information about how the AZ State Budget affected Grandfamilies, Tory Anderson, AZGA Staff taught grandparents how to advocate with their Legislator, and Ms. Arizona 2015 shared thoughts from a Grandchild who was raised by her grandmother. Did you know; Ms. Arizona 2015 was raised by her grandmother? You can read more about her inspirational story at: www.grandparentsplace.org.

CentralAZGA meets the 1st Monday of each month from 6-7:30 pm at AZCA, located at 711 E. Missouri Ave Ste. 300Phoenix, AZ 85006.

YOU Can Get Involved!

Currently there are three *regional* Grandparent Ambassador Groups that work together to form the Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors.

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News from Southern AZ:

Southern Arizona Grandparents will host two workshops in January.

Arizona State Budget and Advocacy Workshop

Speakers:

Karen McLaughlin and Michelle Crow,
Children’s Action Alliance
Kelly Griffith,
Center for Economic Integrity

Thursday, January 28, 2016
6:00 PM—8:00 PM

or

Friday, January 29, 2016
10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Las Abuelitas Family Housing
440 E. 26th St, Tucson AZ

RSVP, Light refreshments will be served.

Find More Information About Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors: www.azga.org

