



Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors & Kinship Caregivers

AZGA Legislative Priorities are on the move!

AZGA Legislative Priorities & Status as of March 10:

SB1315: Expanding the Kinship Stipend from \$75/month to \$250 month
Status: Passed Senate, awaiting hearing in House

SB1323: Streamlining TANF application process for DCS kinship families
Status: Passed Senate, awaiting hearing in House

SB1569: Restoring “child-only” TANF for non-DCS kinship families
Status: Passed Senate, awaiting hearing in House

We are excited to report that our bills are moving forward! These bills are the result of the feedback we received from our policy priority workshops at the AZGA Summit last September. Your advocacy is making a difference!

Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors is a statewide coalition of aunts, uncles, fictive kin and grandparents who stepped up to care for children who for a variety of reasons could no longer remain in their own home. We are the reason children are not in foster care, group homes, or other non-familial settings.

Our mission is to support, mobilize, educate, and advocate for better laws and policies to help us care for and raise strong, resilient children.

Calling all kinship: Volunteers needed

Do you have interest in joining our leadership team? We are just starting to plan our annual 2020 AZ Grandparent Ambassadors and Kinship Care Summit, which will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the Kroc Center in Phoenix. If you would like to be a part of the planning team, Please email us info@azga.org to request more information on how to get involved and help us plan this amazing day.

Thank you for an amazing Kinship Day at the Capitol 2020



We wanted to share a heartfelt thank you to all of our members and supporters who joined us for kinship day at the Capitol on February 10, 2020. Over 75 supporters and members attended the event, which included a press conference highlighting our three legislative priorities, lunch with Christina Corieri (Senior Advisor

to Governor Ducey), and small group meetings with lawmakers to talk about kinship. We even met with Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers! We were introduced on the Senate floor by Senator [Kate Brophy McGee](#) and Senator [Lela Alston](#), and in the House by Representative [Alma Hernandez](#). It was a day full of building new friendships and advocacy for kinship care.

AZGA Leaders in the Spotlight:



AZGA Leader **Victoria Gray** was awarded Casey Family Programs "Excellence for Children Kinship Caregiver Award! She was among the six recipients recognized for their distinguished work, exceptional leadership and tireless dedication to improving the lives of children and families in America. [Learn more and watch the highlight video on Victoria.](#)

AZGA Leader **Patricia Dominguez** has been nominated for an award from the ASU School of Social Work for the Professional Achievement Award. With her more than 22 years of service to the kinship community with Duet and an advocate for kinship families with AZGA for the past decade, Patricia has touched the hearts and lives of many and has helped shape kinship policy in Arizona. Join AZGA members as we support and cheer for Patricia at the awards reception on Friday, March 27th, from 5:30PM - 8:00PM at the Parsons Center for Health and Wellness (1101 N 1st St, Phoenix). [Click here to register.](#)

