



Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors

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

AZGA support network celebrates its five-year anniversary by welcoming more and more grandparent and kinship caregivers members into our state-wide organizing effort!



Every child who attends our 2016 Summit will receive a FREE BOOK thanks to Altrusa!

“We make our communities better through leadership, partnership and service.” - Altrusa Motto

You're Invited to the 5th Annual AZGA Summit on September 17!

Bring your kids to enjoy a day of fun at the Salvation Army Kroc Corps Center and bring yourself to enjoy a day of socializing and learning at the 5th Annual AZGA Summit in Phoenix on September 17, 2016. We begin our program promptly at 9:30am—you won't want to miss the legislative panel where you will hear directly from lawmakers and you will also have an opportunity to ask questions of the lawmakers regarding state policy for grandfamilies. Our keynote speaker is Anna Loebe, and she will give an insightful talk about childhood trauma and what you can do to help. Have you ever thought about what would happen to your grandkids if you passed away unexpectedly? We have a legal workshop to address this and you won't want to miss it! Back by



popular demand is the grandfather's group; a chance for the men to get together and talk. Of course we will train you to be your own best advocate. All of this by 3:30pm and while your kids are having the best day ever!

Registration is required:

<http://www.azga.org> and click on "2016 Summit"

This year the registration fee is \$5/family. Lunch is included for everyone; coffee and light pastries will be available for adults only in the morning, so please make sure your children eat breakfast before arriving. Don't forget to register and bring a swimsuit for your children ages 6 and up!

Sept. 2016: Grandfamilies Month!

We are excited that the AZ State Legislature declared September 2016 as Grandfamilies and Kinship Care Month! This is an opportunity to raise public awareness about the importance of grandfamilies and kinship care across the state.

We're asking President Obama to issue a Presidential Proclamation Declaring September as Kinship Care Month. Join us! Please call or email, and please ask your family, friends, and networks to call or email. We will only be successful if do your part.

Calls to White House comment line (may be put on hold for some time; they do not take names): 202-456- 1111 Email:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

News from Southern AZ:

In May, the Southern Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors made presentations to the staff and volunteers of two community agencies--Child & Family Resources and United Way's First Focus on Kids--about who we are and what we do.

Pictured below: Southern AZ Grandparent leaders met with State Representative John Ackerley to talk about the importance of supporting grandfamilies.



Get Involved

Currently there are three *regional* Grandparent Ambassador Groups and a fourth group forming in the White Mountains that work together to form the Arizona Grandparent Ambassador state-wide steering committee.

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