



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!



Hi from us! AZGA delegation arrived safely in Kentucky for the Community Leadership Institute Conference last October. Special thanks to Seeds of Hope, Neighborworks, Primavera Foundation, Children's Action Alliance and the Center for Economic Integrity for sponsoring this trip.

You're Invited to the Arizona State Capitol for "AZGA Day at the Capitol"

On Monday, February 29, grandparent and relative placements are invited to come together at the Arizona State Capitol for our third annual "AZGA Day at the Capitol"

Many times, lawmakers and policymakers make decisions about our lives when they really have no understanding of what our day-to-day reality looks like.

It is our mission to make sure that every lawmaker understands the importance of supporting grandparent and relative placements, both through the DCS system and those caregiving arrangements made without DCS involvement.

Monday, February 29, from 9:30-3, will be a fun day for grandparents



AZGA Leaders with Senator Nancy Barto

and relative caregivers from around the state to network, learn, and share stories.

This is a free event and lunch is included thanks to our lunch sponsor Arizona AARP. Registration is required. Please email centralazga@gmail.com for registration information.

Meet us at 9:30am for morning refreshments at the Arizona Capitol Museum, Old Supreme Court Chambers, 1700 W Washington in Phoenix. Our program will begin at 10:00am. You can stay for all or part of the day. Join us!

AZ Budget: How Will it Affect You?

Governor Ducey released his 2016-2017 proposed budget earlier this month.

The Arizona Legislature will craft a budget in the next month, and then there will be negotiations between the Governor's Office and the Legislature for a budget plan they can both agree on.

In addition, there will be a series of budget "Town Halls" throughout the state where the public will be invited to give input on the proposed budgets. These locations have not been set.

Join us at our Day at the Capitol on February 29 to learn more about how the state budget will affect your family.

News from Southern AZ:

Southern Arizona Grandparents hosted a "Arizona Budget and You" education and networking event for grandparents raising grandchildren in Southern Arizona on January 28 and 29th.

This event featured Children's Action Alliance state budget expert Karen McLaughlin gave updates on the Governor's budget and revenue updates.

Southern Arizona grandparent and relative caregivers will carpool to the AZGA Day at the Capitol on February 29. If you would like to find a carpool, please contact Southern AZGA Regional Chair Ann Nichols at annwnichols@gmail.com

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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