



# Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:

## *Kinship Care Spotlight*

Kinship caregiving can come in all shapes and forms. A well-recognized subset of these kinship caregivers includes grandparents raising their grandchildren when their parents can no longer provide care at their best capacity. At NCHS, we understand that kinship care can be difficult to navigate, especially when you're just starting, whether you are closely related to the child in your care or not.

### Current State of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren



**2.8 million**

2.3 million grandparents are raising nearly **2.8 million children in the U.S.**

**150,000 kids**

**About 150,000 kids** are being raised by their grandfather as the sole parental influence in their life at this moment.

**25 kids**

For every child in the foster system right now, there are about **25 kids being raised by their grandparents** and/or an extended family support system.

**\$6 billion**

Families that have a grandparent raising a grandchild help to save taxpayers **over \$6 billion each year** because they keep those kids out of the foster system.



**21%**

**21% of grandparents** taking care of their grandkids live below the poverty line.

**9,302**

**9,302 grandparents** are responsible for raising their grandchildren in Nebraska.



### When Do Grandparents Take Over Care For Grandchildren?

**11%**

**11% of grandparents** are raising their grandkids because of the death of one or both of that child's parents.

**40%**

**Over 40% of children** being cared for by a grandparent are there because of at least one parent's substance abuse.

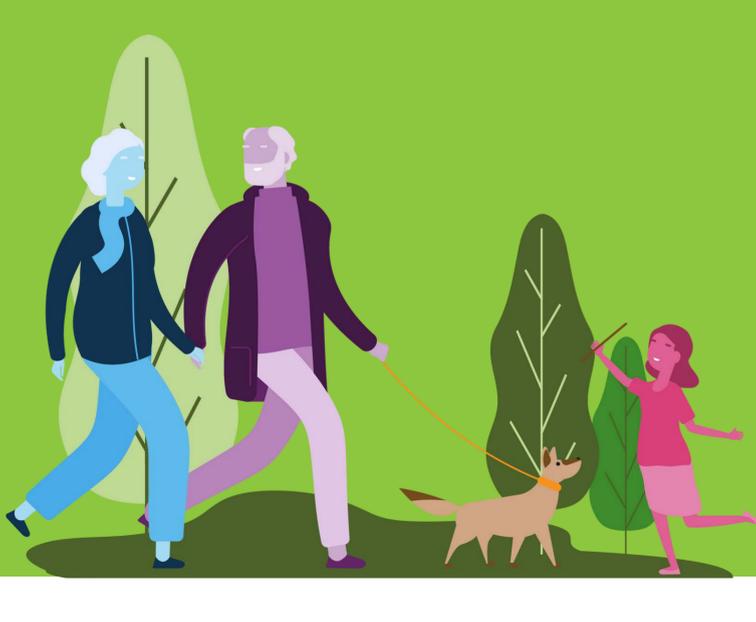
**28%**

**28% of the kids** who are being raised by their grandparents were victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect from their parents.



### Tips for Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren

1. Establish a solid, dependable daily routine.
2. Be open about your current situation with your grandchildren.
3. Don't neglect your needs as a caregiver.
4. Reach out to your local community resources.
5. Keep in contact with the parents if advantageous to all parties.
6. Try to still be a grandparent, too.



### As A Grandparent Caring For Your Grandchild,

*You Are Far From Alone.*

In our Kinship Navigation program, our team works to help you create the safe space you're comfortable with and willing to create. When you reach out to our team, we'll focus on collaboration and developing your strengths, so you can work on building a brighter future together.

Get in contact with us today.

Call us at 888.315.7347 or visit [www.kinship.nchs.org/contact-us](http://www.kinship.nchs.org/contact-us)



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