2017 Annual Report



Thanks to the support of our board of directors, funders, members, partners and staff, Generations United had another record-breaking year elevating intergenerational solutions to our country's and communities' most pressing issues.

These are a few ways that support of age-advantaged practices helps make a difference in the lives of children, youth and older adults in 2017.

SUPPORTING GRANDFAMILIES

Building support for grandfamilies by releasing our annual State of Grandfamilies Report - In Loving Arms: The Protective Role of Grandparents and Other Relatives in Raising Children Exposed to Trauma - and advancing policies on their behalf.

Testifying at the Senate Aging Committee Hearing on Grandfamilies – which resulted from our 2016 State of Grandfamilies report, Raising the Children of the Opioid Epidemic: Solutions and Support for Grandfamilies – led to Chairwoman Senator Susan Collins and Ranking Member Senator Bob Casey introducing a bill to support grandfamilies.

Convening over 600 grandfamilies in Washington, DC for our 5th National GrandRally. Michelle Singletary featured the GrandRally in her nationally-syndicated Washington Post column.

Connecting grandfamilies around the country with current news and resources with our new GrAND Voice electronic newsletter.

Launching a three-year partnership with National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and A Second Chance, Inc., to elevate and strengthen African American and Native American grandfamilies.

Updating our state GrandFact Sheets for all 50 states and the District of Columbia and launching an updated version of Grandfamilies.org.

ELEVATING INTERGENERATIONAL SOLUTIONS

Highlighting intergenerational programs by releasing a signature report with The Eisner Foundation - I Need You, You Need Me: The Young, The Old, and What We Can Achieve Together - and hosting The Eisner Prize for Intergenerational Excellence event at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

Recognizing excellence in intergenerational programming by awarding six new Programs of Distinction and renewing the designation for 11 programs.

Awarding the City of Two Harbors, Minnesota with the 2017 Generations United/MetLife Foundation Best Intergenerational Community Award and designating the City of Surprise, Arizona; Jenks Public Schools in Jenks, Oklahoma; and the Town of Yarmouth, Massachusetts as national finalists.

Partnering with LeadingAge to explore intergenerational programming in senior housing. This project lead by our Senior Fellow Dr. Nancy Henkin and funded by the Retirement Research Foundation resulted in the report *Intergenerational Programming in Senior Housing: Form Promise to Practice*.

Developing resources to encourage global intergenerational conversations on the value of vaccinations across the generations.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Hosting a successful biennial global international conference with St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, bringing together innovative intergenerational research and practices from around the world and strengthening the network of practitioners working on intergenerational solutions.

RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS

Raising our visibility in the media (BBC News, CBS News, New York Times, Washington Post and Reuters), and contributing to the Huffington Post.

Working with NBC News on the *TODAY Show's* segment on opioids and grandfamilies.

Promoting Grandparents Day 2017 with 20 national partners and over 150 unofficial partners reaching over 1.1 million people on Twitter and over 970,000 people on Facebook.

"You guys don't get enough credit for the powerful things you all do. ...I just want to say thank you."

Santana Lee, GrAND Member, Wisconsin

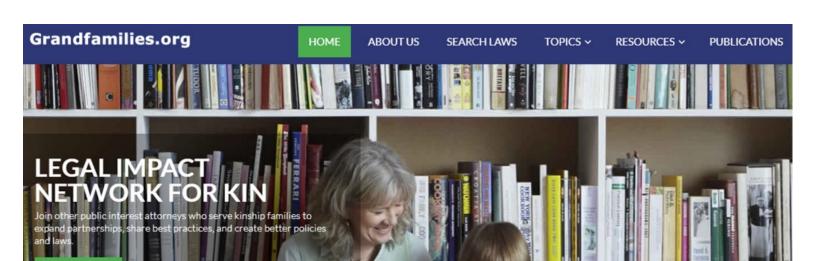
AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- Our Deputy Executive Director Jaia Peterson Lent was named a Next Avenue Top 50 Influencer in Aging
- Irv Katz joined our team as a new Senior Fellow. Irv served as president and CEO of the National Human Services Assembly from 2001-2015. He is also a former Board Member, Strategic Advisor and long-time friend of Generations United.
- Our Executive Director Donna Butts celebrated her 20th anniversary at Generations United.
- Donna Butts receive an award from the International Federation for Family Development at the UN
- We expanded our national footprint when staff member Sheri Steinig moved to Denver, Colorado, joining our other remote team member Ana Beltran who is based in Seattle, Washington.
- We were honored to receive GRAND Magazine's Dr. Arthur Kornhaber 2017 GRAND Advocacy Award in recognition of leadership and dedication to improving the welfare of grandparents and grandchildren.











Search Laws

A searchable database of laws and legislation affecting grandfamilies both inside and outside the foster care system for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.



Resources

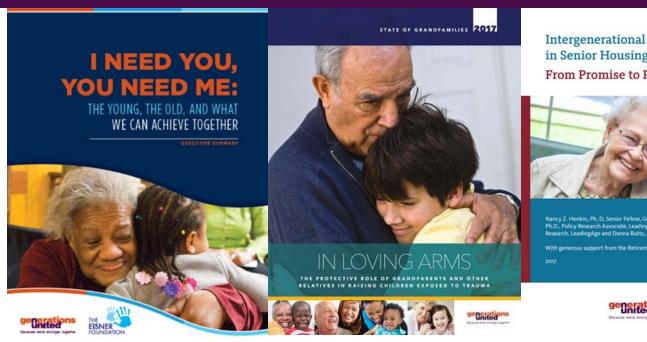
Free and online legal resources in support of grandfamilies within and outside the child welfare system.



Publications

View our publications that support grandfamilies including: Model Family Foster Home Licensing Standards, Using the Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP), and Relative Foster Care Licensing Waivers in States.

NEW RESOURCES IN 2017



Intergenerational Programming in Senior Housing:

From Promise to Practice







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