REINFORCING A STRONG FOUNDATION: Equitable Supports for Basic Needs of Grandfamilies

**Children in Grandfamilies**
- 8 million: Number of children who live with a relative who is the head of the household
- 2.6 million: Number of children who are being raised by a relative or close family friend and do not have a parent living in the household
- 137,356: Number of children in foster care being raised by relatives

**Grandparents Responsible for Grandchildren**
- 67% are married
- 56% are in the workforce
- 17% live below the poverty line
- 25% have a disability
- 48% are age 60 and older
- 13% speak English “less than very well”
- 46% have raised grandchildren for five or more years

**Percentage of Children in Foster Care Being Raised by Relatives**
- 2010: 26%
- 2020: 34%
Race/Ethnicity

Characteristics Influencing Access to Key Services and Supports

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For every 1 child being raised by kin in foster care, there are 18 children being raised by kin outside foster care.

All of the data points in these infographics are cited in the full 2021 State of Grandfamilies report, Reinforcing a Strong Foundation: Equitable Supports for Basic Needs of Grandfamilies, available at www.gu.org.