



2023 Annual Report

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Our Mission

Generations United improves the lives of children, youth, and older people through intergenerational collaboration, public policies, and programs for the enduring benefit of all.



Our Vision

A world that values and engages all generations.

Our Commitment

At Generations United, we are deeply committed to cultivating a culture of respect, integrity, and compassion within our organization and in the broader community. We value the unique contributions of every generation and believe that intergenerational engagement combats ageism that deeply impacts younger and older people. By embracing the power of different perspectives and experiences, we drive innovation, success, and a more just world for all.

Programs and Services



Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network

Completed the second successful year of our Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network, the first ever federally-funded national technical assistance center on grandfamilies. Since its inception, Network staff have responded to almost 500 requests to help improve kinship services in 46 states, DC, Puerto Rico, and several tribes, and built a website at www.gksnetwork.org that contains nearly 100 resources designed to help government agencies and nonprofit organizations better support grandfamilies around the country.



Intergenerational Learning Communities

Grew interest in and provided support to intergenerational shared sites through the [Intergenerational Shared Site Learning Network](#), new quarterly newsletter, and strategic partnerships.

Connected people interested in different intergenerational housing models and communities by convening a [learning community](#).



Policy & Advocacy

Advocated to increase intergenerational opportunities in the Older Americans Act and secured \$20 million appropriation for states and eligible tribes to continue to operate and evaluate kinship navigator programs.

Supported GRAND Voice Victoria Gray in testifying before the United States House Committee on Ways and Means about the critical role Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) plays in the lives of grandfamilies and kinship families.



Cultural Responsiveness

Released our new report [Strengthening Cultural Responsiveness in Intergenerational Programs](#) that highlights the intentional and creative intergenerational practices organizations are using to broaden the reach and impact of intergenerational programs.

Programs and Services



State of Grandfamilies Report

Released the 2023 report, [Building Resilience: Supporting Grandfamilies' Mental Health and Wellness](#). The event showcased key findings and recommendations from the report and featured a powerful lived-experience panel.



Technical Assistance

Contracted with William Penn Foundation and St. David's Foundation to provide technical assistance to their grantees and with the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to explore an intergenerational learning collaboration among Michigan's higher education institutions.



National Family Caregiver Strategy

Supported the implementation of the [National Family Caregiver Strategy](#) through the appointment of our Network director, Ana Beltran, and two GRAND Voices to the Federal Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.



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22nd Global Intergenerational Conference

Convened over 350 practitioners from around the world in Washington, DC for our biennial intergenerational conference. Program highlights from the sold-out event included a site visit to Plaza West Grandfamilies Apartments; Capitol Hill advocacy visits; and over 100 educational sessions.



"It was a pleasure to witness members of GRAND Voices and the Generations United staff leading panels and workshops, showcasing their excellence. A tip of the hat to the planning committee members – your dedication and diligence are truly valued. Departing the conference, I felt inspired and invigorated. My association with Generations United fills me with pride, and I eagerly anticipate my ongoing support for your impactful endeavors."

— Dolores Bryant, GRAND Voice, New Jersey



United Nations International Year of the Family

Conducted an expert symposium in conjunction with our conference to provide recommendations for the 30th anniversary of International Year of the Family in 2024 and released a summary report [Changing Demographics Can Result in Strengthening Families.](#)



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