

# Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program

Are you caring for a grandchild or relative's child? If so, we can help. Grandparents and other relatives often begin caring for children with little or no warning. As rewarding as raising children is, sometimes it can be difficult. The Grandparents raising Grandchildren program provides information and support services to help individuals cope with parenting for a second time.

## What we do:

- **Respite:** Enables caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their caregiving responsibilities.
- **Legal Assistance:** Legal aid representatives may help with a wide variety of civil law issues such as visitation, guardianship, adoption, and formal caregiving relationships.
- **Support Groups:** Peer-to-Peer social networks of support and guest speakers help grandparents feel supported in their caregiving role.
- **Counseling:** Individualized support that helps caregivers cope with the impact of this special role on physical, mental and emotional health.
- **Gap-Filling:** Supplemental supports to complement the care provided by grandparents and older relatives such as clothing, school supplies, and other emergency needs.

## CRIS Healthy Aging

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## Am I eligible?

- ☐ Are you 55+ caring for a child that is not your own?
- ☐ Is the child under the age of 18?
- ☐ Does the child live with you?
- ☐ Are you the child's primary caregiver?
- ☐ For example, do you have legal custody of the child, or perhaps you are raising the child informally?