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Grandfathers as Caregivers

Grandparents have played important roles in their families throughout history including taking responsibility to care for a grandchild when the parents are unable. Many grandparents assume this responsibility in response to difficult family situations such as child abuse, abandonment, substance abuse, incarceration, or death of a child's parent.

In the U.S., 2.7 million grandparents are responsible for a grandchild in their home. Grandfathers are present in the majority of grandparent caregiver households, but the contributions and voices of grandfather caregivers are often overlooked.

There is an assumption that grandmothers are more engaged in grandchild care because women are viewed in society as natural caregivers. Therefore, the grandparent literature focuses primarily on the thoughts and experiences of grandmothers while overlooking or underestimating those of grandfathers. When grandfathers are included in the literature, their experiences are often compared to those of grandmothers with grandmothers representing the ideal. As a result, grandfathers are portrayed as less valuable and less active in the lives of their grandchildren.

After decades of research on grandparents raising grandchildren, gender issues and the experiences of grandfathers have still received little attention.



Despite gendered expectations, grandfathers often endure many of the same challenges grandmothers face when caring for a grandchild. Both grandfathers and grandmothers experience social isolation and changes in retirement and travel plans as a result of their new role. Many grandparent caregivers, regardless of gender, feel obligated to take in a grandchild because of no other options for care; and they often worry about what would happen if they were unable to care for their grandchildren.

Overall, the types of care grandfather caregivers provide and their in-depth thoughts about being caregivers have still been largely unexplored. Therefore, there is a need to explore how grandfathers experience caregiving as men.

For more on this topic check out: <https://bit.ly/PGGrandfathers>

Family Fun Day at Main Event

Actively participating Project GRANDD caregivers and the children in their care/custody (sorry, due to limited funding we cannot accommodate other family members) are invited to join us for a free Family Fun Day outing to Main Event in Smyrna, GA on Wednesday, July 12th from 12pm-4pm. Outing includes lunch and unlimited access to bowling, laser tag, arcade games and gravity ropes. Transportation stipends will be available. For more information, contact your case manager or our Program Manager Shantell at (470)310-3458. Registration deadline is July 5, 2023.

Registration is required! Register here: <https://bit.ly/FFDME23>



PASTA: Parenting the Second Time Around

Join us as we work together using an award-winning curriculum created by Cornell University for relatives raising children. This eight week enrichment course will cover topics including; child development, discipline, caring for oneself as a caregiver, rebuilding a family, living with teens, legal issues & more!

Thursdays 10am-12 pm
June 22, 2023- August 10, 2023
Registration: <https://bit.ly/PASTA0623>



Location: Access Mental Health Agency
1903 Phoenix Blvd. Suite 200
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Activities to celebrate Juneteenth

- **Juneteenth Music Festival**
June 16-18, 2023
Centennial Olympic Park
- **Juneteenth Atlanta Parade**
June 17, 2023|Start time 12pm
Televised on AND/ Peachtree TV

Check out <https://bit.ly/JuneteenthPG23> for additional ways to celebrate with your families

Client of the Month- Daniel Torrez

Each month we select a Project GRANDD caregiver to highlight so we can get to know each other.

Dan and Ferneen Torrez are eighty-one-year-old dedicated grandparents who have been together for almost fifty-five years. The couple is raising their two grandchildren, Daniel and Ciriah. In total, the couple has eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Both have been members of ISDD for two months. The family's favorite activity is enjoying each other's time while watching movies and eating popcorn and pizza. Mr. Torrez's favorite TV shows are based on actual events, and his favorite movie is the Sound of Music. A fun fact about Mr. Torrez, he met Julie Andrews and hugged her. Mr. Torrez is this month's client because he is a kindred spirit who goes above and beyond for his family.



Mr. Torrez's favorite bible verse is from the Book of Mormon, [1 Nephi 3:7](#)

SUPPORT GROUPS

Virtual Adult Support 10AM-12PM (1st Tuesday)	6/6- Healthy Living for your Brain and Body (sponsored by Alzheimer's Association) Guest: Nathan Katzif	Google Meet: https://bit.ly/ISDDAdult Phone: 414-600-9528 PIN: 888 104 633#
DeKalb AM Adult Support 10:30 AM- 12:30PM (1st Wednesday)	6/7- Support and Sharing RSVP: https://bit.ly/DeKalbAM or 470-310-3458	DeKalb County Library System: Covington Highway Branch RSVP: https://bit.ly/DeKalbAM Or 470-310-3458
Fulton PM Family Support 6PM-8PM (3rd Tuesday)	6/20- Support and Sharing RSVP: https://bit.ly/FultonPM or 470-310-3458 <i>A light dinner will be served 6:00pm – 6:30 pm</i>	Fulton Public Library System- Metropolitan Branch RSVP: 470-310-3458 or https://bit.ly/FultonPM
Gwinnett PM Family Support 6PM-8PM (2nd Monday)	6/12- Support and Sharing RSVP: https://bit.ly/PGGwinnettPM or 470-310-3458 <i>A light dinner will be served 6:00pm – 6:30 pm</i>	Gwinnett Public Library System- Norcross Branch RSVP: https://bit.ly/PGGwinnettPM or 470-310-3458
Fulton AM Adult Support 10:30 AM-12:30PM (4th Wednesday)	6/28- Support and Sharing RSVP: https://bit.ly/FultonAM or 470-310-3458	Fulton Public Library System- Mechanicsville Branch RSVP: https://bit.ly/FultonAM or 470-310-3458



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