

**Elder Friendly Futures: The Essential Work of Caregiving across Communities**  
**September 14-15, 2017**

**CONCURRENT SESSION:**

***GRANDPARENTS AND RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN:  
JOYS, CHALLENGES, SUPPORTS AND POLICIES HERE AND BEYOND***

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**LINKS TO RESOURCES**

Washington State's Kinship Care Website:

- [www.dshs.wa.gov/kinshipcare](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/kinshipcare)

State of Grandfamilies – 2017 - In Loving Arms – The Protective Role of Grandparents and Other  
Relatives in Raising Children Exposed to Trauma

- [Link to PDF Report](#)

Generations United

- [www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org)

Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center:

- [www.grandfamilies.org](http://www.grandfamilies.org)

Grandparents and Relatives - Do you know about the services and supports for you and the  
children in your care? (DSHS 22-1120x)

- [English](#), [Cambodian](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [Laotian](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#)

Washington State's 2017 Contest: Voices of Children – Raised by Grandparents and Other  
Relatives:

- <http://familyess.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/2017-VOC.pdf>

Legal Voice - Options for Grandparents and Other Nonparental Caregivers: A Legal Guide for  
Washington State, updated March 2017:

- [www.legalvoice.org/options-grandparents](http://www.legalvoice.org/options-grandparents)