

10th Anniversary



Bluegrass Regional
**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Conference**

Thursday, March 15, 2012

Clarion Hotel
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511

Grandparents, caregivers, relatives and professionals are invited to our 10th GAP (Grandparents and relatives As Parents) Conference! Join us to learn about topics for relatives assuming primary care of children.

Featuring:
Dr. Joseph Crumbley



Dr. Crumbley presented at the 2009 GAP Conference, and will return by popular demand to celebrate our 10th anniversary with new workshop topics. He is in private practice as a consultant and family therapist in Philadelphia. For many years, he has provided training and consulting to national and regional audiences. Dr. Crumbley co-authored *Raising Relative's Children: An Overview of Kinship Care* and developed primary educational materials used by professionals across the country. He's known for his work on challenges of the triad—the children, the parent, and relative.

Registration form included. **Space is limited. Registration closes on March 1, 2012 or sooner if all spots are filled.**

For questions or further information about the GAP Conference, please call (859) 257-5582.



8:00 AM-3:30 PM Resource Fair

8:00 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM Keynote: **Managing the Challenges: What We've Learned After 10 Years**
Dr. Joseph Crumbley

Significant differences exist between relative care, non-relative adoption, and foster care. During the past 10 years caregivers and professionals have developed key strategies for managing the unique emotional challenges and risk factors kinship caregivers experience. This opening talk will address how these challenges are different from non-relative adoption or foster care, illustrate how these challenges impact permanency and child safety, and provide strategies for coping with and managing these emotional challenges and risk factors.

9:10 AM **Workshop Session One**

1. Could I Have That in Plain English Please? Navigating the Legal System **Eileen O'Brien, Lisa Morgan & Tiffany Fleming**
Learn basic legal requirements for obtaining guardianship, legal custody, rights to child support and other services, timesharing arrangements with natural parents, and determination of rights for adoption.

2. Healthy Environments: Understanding Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD) **Sara Edwards**
Learn skills for handling situations of chronic frustration, providing a stable environment, and developing increased empathy for children experiencing Reactive Attachment Disorder.

3. Duck, Duck, Goose: Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others **Randy Lawson & Opal Phillips**
Gain an understanding of the symptom cycle of chronic diseases, how to create an achievable action plan, the steps to take in problem solving, and how to develop positive communication skills. Learn to identify when the caregiver needs help, where to find help, how to distinguish between help and enabling, and how caregivers reward themselves without guilt.

4. Internet Safety **David Flannery**
A discussion of technology: including internet, social networking sites, and risk indicators for children using technology, predator strategies, and parenting tips to better protect children.

10:50 AM **Workshop Session Two**

5. Adoption Issues with Grandparents **Duane F. Osborne & Mike Grimes**
Discussion of issues grandparents raising children face including Kinship Care benefits, medical coverage, "De Facto Custody," grandparent visitation orders, and adoption.

6. Teen Development: Is This Normal or Are They Doing It to Make Me Crazy? **Myrtle Procter**
Gain insight into the developmental challenges pre-teens and teens face, the differing communication styles of males and females, and the struggles caregivers face in managing adolescent behavior.

7. Children of Incarcerated Parents in Relative Care **Dr. Joseph Crumbley**
A discussion of when it is appropriate or not appropriate for children to have contact with incarcerated parents, and how to interrupt the cycle of incarceration.

8. Faith-Based Support Groups **Dr. Wanda Lott Collins**
Improve understanding of the value of faith-based support groups, common issues that are problematic for custodial grandparents raising grandchildren, and steps that can be taken to minimize daily stress and strain custodial grandparents face.

12:15 PM Lunch & Door Prizes

1:00 PM **Workshop Session Three**

9. How to Protect the Ones You Love—Documents and Future Planning **Dianne Mason**
Learn basic information regarding wills, powers of attorney, guardianships, living trusts, and mediation.

10. What the Children Heard: Raising, Loving, & Protecting Your Drug Endangered Child **Sari Cason & Holly Dye**
Learn how a drug environment affects children and what actions can be taken to better protect them and increase their feelings of security.

11. Organizational Strategies for Children Who Have Organizational Challenges **Don Sheehan**
Explorations of organizational skills children need as they develop including strategies that help children create and maintain an orderly approach to managing their time and materials.

12. Recognizing, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect **Joel Griffith**
Understand the legal duty to report abuse and neglect, learn to recognize physical and behavioral indicators of physical abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse, and explore the caregiver role in preventing abuse and addressing the impact of previous abuse.

2:10 PM Post-Conference Session

13. Relative Caregivers: Interacting with Parents **Dr. Joseph Crumbley**
Learn how to interact with birth parents who are involved with their children and what pre-requisites should be met before parents engage with their children.

GAP Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ County: _____

Email: _____

****Exhibitors for the Resource Fair must call 859-257-5582 for registration information.****

Registration fee includes continental breakfast & lunch.

Please check one:

_____ Grandparent—\$5.00 registration fee per person

_____ Relative or Caregiver—\$5.00 registration fee per person

_____ Specify (ex. Aunt, Grandparent): _____

_____ Professional—\$50.00 (includes CEUs for social work and CLEs for law)
Application has been made for Social Work Continuing Education Credits (6.9) and Continuing Legal Education Credits. *Please note: Social Work CEU certificates will only be awarded following the conclusion of post-conference session and require attendance at the keynote, workshops, and post-conference session.*

Title: _____

Agency: _____

_____ Check if this is your first time attending the GAP Conference.

*If you are paying with a purchase order, attach a copy with your registration form.

_____ Check if you need an invoice.

There will be no refunds after **March 1, 2012**.

No childcare will be offered.

By registering for the GAP conference, you give permission to receive related mailings as approved by the GAP Committee. Your personal information will not be shared or sold. Indicate here if you do NOT want to receive related mailings. _____

Circle the workshops of your choice (see page 2 for descriptions):

Workshop Session One 9:10 AM-10:40 AM (circle one) #1 #2 #3 #4

Workshop Session Two 10:50 AM-12:15 PM (circle one) #5 #6 #7 #8

Workshop Session Three 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (circle one) #9 #10 #11 #12

Post-Conference 2:10 PM-3:30 PM (circle one) #13

Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2012 (or sooner if spots are filled)

Make checks payable to: COMMUNITY FCS PROGRAM

Send registration form and payment to:

Fayette County Extension Office

GAP Conference

1140 Red Mile Place

Lexington, KY 40504

859-257-5582



Legal Consultation Request

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Legal Consultation Request

Volunteer attorneys will be available at the conference to provide free consultations about guardianship, custody, child support and related legal issues to grandparents and other relatives raising children. The consultations are limited to 30 minutes, and the attorneys will only be able to provide information and advice (they are not making a commitment to represent you in court on any matter by providing this consultation). They will be able to help you interpret any legal documents you may have, assess your current legal status as a caregiver and offer advice regarding legal steps that you could take.

There will be a limited number of consultations available. Appointments will be assigned based upon when your request for a consultation is received.

To have a free consultation with an attorney you need to complete this form and send it in today. When all of the time slots are filled, we will have to say no to additional requests. The sooner you send in your request, the more likely we are to be able to help you. This form must be completed and returned through the mail with your conference registration in order for your request to be considered.

Request for free legal consultation:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (s) _____

What time would be better for you?

_____ Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Anytime

The week of the conference, you will receive a phone call indicating the time of your consultation. If all slots become filled, you will be placed on a waiting list.



Grandparents and relatives As Parents

Location:

Clarion Hotel
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY
I-75/I-64, Exit 115

From I-75/I-64: Take Exit 115, then turn west on Newtown Pike. The Hotel is on the right at the first stoplight.

From Downtown: Take Main Street to Newtown Pike. Turn right onto Newtown Pike and go approximately 5 miles. The Hotel is on the right, before the interstate.

Room Reservations: (877) 451-7623.

Legal Consults

Volunteer Attorneys will be available for free legal consultations. There are a limited number of time slots, and they will be filled in the order received. To request a consultation, you will need to fill out the Legal Consultation Request form (on the back of the registration form) and send it in with your registration.

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