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Special Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference Offered for Pinal and Gila County Grandparents

A special day conference has been scheduled for grandparents raising grandchildren on Friday September 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande.

The conference is free and being hosted by Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens and Pinal Gila Community Child Services, Inc. It is open to Pinal and Gila counties' grandparents, older relatives or non-relatives (55 years or older) who have primary responsibility for raising children (infant to 18 years) in their home due to their parents absence or loss. The goal of this exciting and educational conference is to provide practical information and support resources to older adults raising grandchildren (kinship care) that relate to issues of child growth development, guidance, and legal services.

It is the sponsor hope that these older adult caregivers will be able to increase their understanding of the issues they face daily and increase their awareness and approach in caring for the children for which they are now responsible. Conference speakers will also be able to respond to concerns relevant to substance abuse, parent incarceration, and common behavioral health and emotional issues caused by separation from their biological parents.

Information will be provided in both English and Spanish. Non-profit community agencies will also be present to provide information on possible resources for families to get help and advice. Special arrangements and assistance with child care and transportation will be provided on the day of the event if needed.

Additional sponsors for the conference are: Latino Familia Initiative, Pinal Hispanic Council and CAHRA. For more information and to register please call Nikole Buckley at 520-723-1237 or Deb Goodman at 836-2758 or 1-800-293-9393.