

## Adventures in Grandparenting

The joy of being a grandparent still exists when grandparents take the primary responsibility of raising their grandchildren; however, the context of the grandparent/grandchild relationship has changed. The environment, both physical and social, exerts a powerful influence on human development from early to late alike. In intergenerational families, the environment



simultaneously shapes the experiences of grandchildren growing up and grandparents growing older in a shared living space. Children require a safe and nurturing environment to achieve developmental milestones, while grandparents require environmental designs and supports to compensate for age-related declines. The grandparents' changing needs, along with the changing child-rearing recommendations, mean that parenting the second time around will be different than the first; but, the increasing number of children under the age of eighteen being raised by grandparents means they are not alone.

The “Adventures in Grandparenting” program series topics:

- Types of grandparents
- Children’s physical, mental, and social development
- Senior adult health topics
- Relationship issues for adult/adult and adult/child
- Financial planning for grandparents
- Legal assistance for grandparents

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