

Help Grandfamilies Prevent Child Abuse Act

More than 2,600,000 children are being raised by a kinship caregiver, in most cases outside of the foster care system. The vast majority of these families are “grandfamilies” – families where a grandparent is the primary caregiver to their grandchild or grandchildren.

Many children being raised by kinship caregivers have been exposed to substance misuse and other trauma, and face higher risk factors, including behavioral and mental health challenges.

In too many cases, these families do not get the support that they need and deserve to provide the best care.

The Help Grandfamilies Prevent Child Abuse Act works to address some of these unique challenges by:

- Helping to ensure that grandfamilies and all kinship families are eligible for services under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)**

- Providing additional support to these families to meet the unique needs of children who have experienced trauma, including being exposed to substance misuse.**

- Calling for specialized training to help kinship caregivers navigate the complicated supports and services they may be eligible for.**