

Bluegrass Regional
**Grandparents
Raising
Grandchildren
Conference**



Grandparents As Parents of Kentucky

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Clarion Hotel
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511

Grandparents, caregivers, relatives and professionals are invited to our 12th GAP (Grandparents As Parents) Conference! Join us to learn about topics for relatives assuming primary care of children.



Featuring: Dr. Malcolm Smith

Malcolm Smith is widely known as one of the nation's leading educators in the area of reducing incivility, meanness and bullying among young people. He is an Extension Professor in the University of New Hampshire Department of Education. In 2011 he founded the Courage to Care Program that is currently teaching empathy and kindness to over 7,000 middle school children across America.

Registration form included.
Space is limited. Registration ends on March 7, 2014 or sooner if
all spots are filled.
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8:00 AM-3:30 PM Resource & Benefits Fair

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Keynote

The Meanest Generation – How Things Have Changed and What to do About It Dr. Malcolm Smith

What's different and what's the same about raising this generation of young people? How can we help them sort through the violence, incivility and meanness that seem to be a part of the current culture of America's young people?

9:15 AM Workshop Session One

1. Overview of the Legal Process Lisa J. Oeltgen

An attorney will go over the basics of court cases where grandparents often find themselves seeking custody (or being asked to take custody) of their grandchildren.

2. Technology Today: What You Need to Know to Keep Kids Safe Laura Chowning & Joel Griffith

In-depth look at the good and bad aspects of the internet, strategies that predators use to target children, and an identification of the risk factors for children.

3. The Experience of Being Raised by Grandparents Panel

The panel will discuss their experience growing up in the home of relatives. They will share their insight into the impact the experience has had on them and make some recommendations to conference participants.

4. Family Impact of School Readiness Alice Nelson & Whitney Stevenson

Learn about the impact of family involvement on early learning and school readiness. Understand how families can be engaged in a child's education starting at birth including what school readiness means and strategies to support school success.

10:45 AM Workshop Session Two

5. Realistic Grandparenting Dr. Malcolm Smith

This training will explore how to parent the current generation, according to the lack of learning they have experienced regarding empathy, manners, and social skills. Everything you know about parenting has changed and Dr. Smith, a grandparent, will help you negotiate the maze of traps and changes that represent this generation's social and emotional behavior.

6. The Best Interest of the Child Hon. Lucinda Masterton, Jennifer Hamilton, & Duane Osborne

The panel will discuss the implications of "the best interest of the child" from the perspective of the judge, the guardian ad litem, and the social worker when making decisions.

7. Man-Made Mayhem: Understanding the Synthetic Drug Trend Jessica Miller

Workshop will cover basic information about "bath salts," and synthetic marijuana. Topics include what the products are, how they are used, medical consequences of use, and marketing strategies used that make products attractive to youth.

8. Advocacy 101: Speaking out to Increase Support for Kinship Caregivers Patricia Tennen

Learn about statewide advocacy efforts aimed at increasing supports for grandparents and relatives raising children in Kentucky and find out how you can get involved.

12:00 PM Lunch & Door Prizes

1:00 PM Workshop Session Three

9. Angry Games: Mediating Family Conflicts Dani Vandiviere

Learn how to mediate family issues during conflict without playing the "angry games" while maintaining a sense of empowerment to all involved.

10. Discipline and the Traumatized Child George Humlong

Workshop will begin with the definition of trauma, from there we will cover things NOT to do when disciplining a child. A discussion and practice of the things TO DO when disciplining a child will be held. Each participant will develop a personalized discipline plan for them and a child of their choice.

11. The Caring Relationship Esther Hurlburt

How to achieve a healthy balance between the needs of the caregiver and the needs of the individual receiving care.

12. Raising Children from Substance Abusing Homes Panel

The panel will tell their stories about caring for children coming from substance abusing homes, the impact substance abuse has had on the child, relationship with biological parents, and recommendations to relative caregivers in similar situations.

2:10 PM Post-Conference Session

13. Understanding Bullying Dr. Malcolm Smith

Learn why bullying today is so much different than bullying of the past and at least 5 new skills for helping our most vulnerable children.

2014 **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 box lunch (**breakfast is NOT available**).

Please check one:

_____ Grandparent—\$5.00 registration fee per person

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

_____ Specify (ex. Aunt, Sister, Cousin): _____

_____ Professional—\$50.00 (includes CEUs for social work and CLEs for law)

_____ Application has been made for Social Work Continuing Education Credits (6.7) 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 7, 2014**. 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 9:15 AM-10:30 AM (circle one) #1 #2 #3 #4

Workshop Session Two 10:45 AM-12:00 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) #13

NEW—Benefits Consults—If you are interested in an individual consult, check the topic below and then you will sign up for a time when you arrive on March 20th.

___ Social Security/Disability ___ DCBS Family Support (KTAP, SNAP, etc.) ___ Adoption Benefits

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 7, 2014 (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

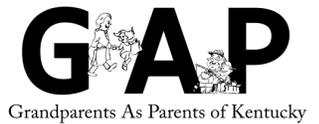
Lexington, KY 40504

859-257-5582



Legal Consultation Request

12th Annual Grandparents and Relatives
Raising Children 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 will 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.



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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.
Ask for the \$89 (king or doubles) GAP Conference rate.

NEW—Benefits Consults

Representatives will be available to meet individually about benefits such as social security, DCBS family support (KTAP, SNAP, etc.) and adoption. Let us know if you are interested in a benefits consult on the registration page. Then, sign up for a consult time when you arrive on March 20th.

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

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