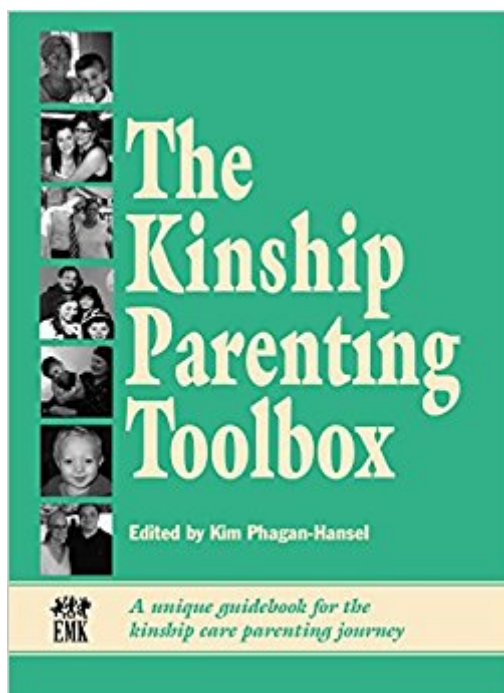


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# The Kinship Parenting Toolbox



## Synopsis

With 7.1 million grandchildren living with their grandparents and 4.7 million children living with other relatives, according to the 2010 census, almost 12 million children in America today are being raised in kinship care. Of course, this group of kinship providers comes with unique needs and challenges that are often difficult to address. The outcome for millions of children depend on the resources and support these families can access. This book helps build resources for these families, in the hopes that children's lives will be profoundly, positively impacted. Containing articles from more than 70 contributors touched in a variety of ways by kinship care including grandparents raising grandchildren, children raised by other relatives or family friends, social workers, therapists, kinship support organizations, and others, this book will be a much needed resource for those working with and parenting their relative s children. Chapters include: The Unexpected Role Getting Organized Your Legal Toolbox Your Financial Toolbox Our Changing Family Guilt, Shame, & Love Perspective of the Child Finding Support Parenting Children from Tough Starts Understanding Attachment Behavior and Discipline Working with Schools The Teen Years Tying Up Loose Ends Resources by chapter CEU Quizzes by chapter

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Thank you

The Kinship Parenting Toolbox, like its cousin The Foster Parenting Toolbox, is a wealth of tools, practical advice, and stories that validate, encourage, and support families on this journey. Kinship parenting comes with all the same challenges, difficulties (and joys) of foster parenting, but with the added complexity of family relationships and having a book that acknowledges these differences while providing helpful tools for navigating that path is invaluable. ~Angela Hurley

As a therapist specializing in work with foster and adoptive families, this great collection of essays offers just the hands-on advice and support I look for in a book to recommend to my clients. Covering so many areas and topics, it is a fantastic resource for both new and veteran kinship carers! I dip into it, too, when I need practical information, so I recommend it not just as a resource for families, but for their support teams, too!

Kinship care is so common, yet there are so few resources available for these families. Finally, a book that addresses the legal, financial, and emotional challenges through the diverse voices of caregivers, child welfare professionals, kids and kinship advocates! I recommend this book to anyone raising a relative's child. Because of the unique challenges and opportunities kinship families present, I also think child welfare professionals will benefit from the important insights this collection provides, helping them to be more compassionate, and perhaps more importantly, more informed.

When children are removed from a birth home for abuse or neglect, the extended family becomes the first choice for placement. Yet kin care has been a neglected topic in child welfare. This book helps fill that gap, with both practical and supportive suggestions on handling a difficult situation and task.

If only this book had been available when we first began raising our Grandson 7 yrs. ago as a baby. We struggled to find resources and information on how to make this a successful journey for all of us. This book should be read by not only the kin caregivers, but anyone who is in a role to support them ie social workers, educators, judicial system and friends and families. The Toolbox takes you into the personal lives of relative caregivers in their own words as well as a one stop resource and informational guide. Ed and Jan Wagner

Finally a toolbox filled with ideas to help families raising grandchildren, siblings and relatives children. Filled with go-to information you can use. Answers questions you've been afraid to ask and connects you with knowledge you can use to make a healthy difference for the children you love.

This book has so many useful insights to raising children other than your own. Even for people who are parenting relatives' children part time it has great information. For those of us who are raising relatives' children full time it is a particularly valuable resource. It covers so many topics including grief, behavior, activities outside the home, parental anger, and others. It should be a standard reference book for anyone raising the children of relatives.

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