17th Annual Grandparents as Parents Conference
Friday, November 3
Omni Hotel, Los Angeles

7:30am – 9:00am  Registration and Breakfast

9:00am – 9:30am  Welcome & Announcements
Photo Voice Overview and Presentations

9:30am – 10:15am  Keynote Presentation: Empowering Grandparents: Triple P – Positive Parenting Program
Dr. Susan Love, Department of Social Work; California State University, Northridge
Triple P addresses child behavioral and emotional problems by giving parents proven skills to build stronger families. The program has been shown to work across cultures, socio-economic groups and family structures. Dr. Love’s research found the program has successfully improved the lives of highly vulnerable parents and children in Los Angeles. She will present her study and what she learned.

10:15am – 10:30am  Policy Update: Children’s Rights
Angie Schwartz, Esq., Policy Program Director, Alliance for Children’s Rights

10:30am – 10:45am  Break

10:45am – 11:45am  Options: Breakout Session One

Supporting Children Dealing with Trauma: Considerations for Professionals and Relative Caregivers
Julie Gould, LCSW and Katie Mortimer, LCSW; Department of Social Work; California State University, Northridge
This presentation will address considerations for professionals and relative caregivers in supporting children who have experienced trauma as well as trauma informed strategies for successful professional and caregiver teaming.

**NOTE: Only offered during the morning Breakout Session**
Today’s Youth and Drugs
Sandy Logan; Prevention Coordinator, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the San Fernando Valley
An open discussion on current drug trends that are influencing our youth.

Resource Family Approval: Making It Work for Kinship Families
Susan Abrams, Esq., Policy Director; Children’s Law Center and Elise N. Weinberg, Esq., Policy Attorney; Alliance for Children’s Rights
On January 1, 2017 California implemented Resource Family Approval, a new process that caregivers must complete to care for a child in foster care. Relatives are critical to the success of our foster care system, but they may encounter barriers during the approval process because they often begin caring for children in a moment of crisis and prior to being approved as a resource family. This seminar will review what the new approval process entails and how to overcome barriers in navigating the process.

Foster Youth Education Rights
Cindy Rodas; Educational Advocate, Alliance for Children’s Rights
This presentation will address learning about the educational obstacles foster youth face and learning about the legal rights/protections they have in order to overcome them, including special education and general education rights.

11:45am – 1:25pm    Lunch and Resource Fair
Interact with over 20 different Community Based Organizations

12:30pm – 1:45pm    Therapeutic Art Activity: Colorful Celebration (Caregivers Only)
Vida Liu, MFA; Department of Art; California State University, Northridge
In this presentation, Vida will briefly introduce several visual elements of visual art and principles of design. Participants will then create a collage on canvas using fabric, paper, and/or photos. This activity will reduce stress and enhance focus, attention to detail, and analytical skill building. Participants will have an art piece to bring home.

12:45pm – 1:45pm    Options: Breakout Session Two

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Foster Youth Education Rights

1:45pm – 2:00pm    Close of Conference

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