



**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Grandparents as Parents Conference**  
**Friday, November 3**  
**Omni Hotel, Los Angeles**

<b>7:30am – 9:00am</b>	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
<b>9:00am – 9:30am</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b> Photo Voice Overview and Presentations
<b>9:30am – 10:15am</b>	<b><i>Keynote Presentation: Empowering Grandparents: Triple P – Positive Parenting Program</i></b> 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.
<b>10:15am – 10:30am</b>	<b><i>Policy Update: Children’s Rights</i></b> Angie Schwartz, Esq., Policy Program Director, Alliance for Children’s Rights
<b>10:30am – 10:45am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45am – 11:45am</b>	<b>Options: Breakout Session One</b>  <b><i>Supporting Children Dealing with Trauma: Considerations for Professionals and Relative Caregivers</i></b> 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. <b>**NOTE: Only offered during the morning Breakout Session**</b>

***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**

***Today's Youth and Drugs***

***Resource Family Approval: Making It Work for Kinship Families***

***Foster Youth Education Rights***

**1:45pm – 2:00pm**

**Close of Conference**

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