



SITUATION	INPUTS	OUTPUTS		OUTCOMES – IMPACT		
		Activities	Participation	Short	Medium	Long Term
<p><i>What is the problem or need?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 5.6 million children in US being raised by grandparents</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 29.7% increase since 1990</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Arizona had a 74% increase in number of grandchildren being raised by grandparents since 1990 Census</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Arizona had 4th highest increase in number of grandchildren being raised by grandparents</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Grandparents are concerned about:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- knowledge of school system regulations</li> <li>- cost of raising grandchildren</li> <li>- legal issues</li> <li>- generation gaps</li> <li>- conflicts with biological parents of children</li> <li>- lack of support groups</li> <li>- inadequate public policies</li> <li>- special needs of grandchildren</li> <li>- lack of good medical coverage</li> <li>- physical energy</li> <li>- health of grandparents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><i>What we invest</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> State leadership with participating counties:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linda Block &amp; Dan McDonald, Pima</li> <li>Patty Merk &amp; Jessica Sanchez, Maricopa</li> <li>Beth Tucker &amp; Michele Lytle, Coconino</li> <li>Juanita Waits, Navajo</li> <li>Dr. Donna Peterson, Campus support</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 to plan &amp; coordinate GPRG Workgroup</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Curriculum</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Simulation Workshop</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GPRG Resource Manual</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration of county agency coalitions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GPRG Website</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Support Groups</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent Volunteers &amp; Mentors</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Grants and local sponsorship for county activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participant fees for state-wide conferences and simulation workshops</li> </ul>	<p><i>What we do</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> State-wide conference</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Update GPRG Website with state activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GPRG Resource Manual with updates on website</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participate in state planning with Governor's Office on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide structured educational programming on:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-H Challenge Activities</li> <li>money management</li> <li>nutrition</li> <li>physical activity</li> <li>parenting a second time</li> <li>mentoring</li> <li>and others as requested</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide assistance with support groups</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide information and referral services</li> </ul>	<p><i>Who we reach</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GPRG &amp; Kinship Care Providers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Youth being raised by kin caregivers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agencies providing assistance to GPRG</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Community Decision-makers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Legislators</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Faith Based Communities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> School Administrators and registrars</li> </ul>	<p><i>What the short term results are</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1500 Kin caregivers will utilize community services &amp; resources:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mentoring</li> <li>- Simulation Workshops</li> <li>-access GPRG Resource Manual hardcopy or online</li> <li>-assistance with guardianship</li> <li>-child only TANF grants</li> <li>-community food banks</li> <li>-assistance with legal issues</li> <li>-assistance with emergency services</li> <li>-access to support groups and mentors</li> <li>- after school programs and summer classes for children</li> <li>-participate in training to mentor others</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><i>What the medium term results are</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 300 GPRG &amp; kin-caregivers will attend one of three regional conferences</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GPRG will access educational resources available in their community at GPRG Conferences</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GPRG will learn strategies and techniques to address special needs of their children</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GPRG will receive respite with activities and conferences made available to them</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GPRG will have the opportunity to share their stories and receive validation of their feelings with mentors</li> </ul>	<p><i>What the ultimate impact(s) is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 50 GPRG who have received assistance will become mentors to others and program leaders</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increase the number of support groups – especially in rural and limited resource areas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Empower GPRG to make difficult decisions about putting grandchild needs before the needs of their own children who have abandoned the children and their responsibilities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 100 GPRG will improve their quality life because of new knowledge of resources and support available to them</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 100 GPRG will have reduced levels of stress because of support provided</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1500 GPRG will increase awareness of resources available</li> </ul>

**Assumptions:** *(Beliefs, expectations, and principles that guide our work.)*

1. Cooperative Extension is a research-based community outreach educational organization that values grandparents raising grandchildren.
2. Partners will share resources and there will be on and off campus faculty partnerships.
3. Cooperative Extension can have a measurable impact on grandparents raising grandchildren.
4. At least 4 counties and/or reservations will participate.
5. Promoting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Kin-care providers is a critical need and tied to national initiatives.
6. Because of the University of Arizona's land grant mission, all faculty have outreach responsibilities.
7. Cooperative Extension values citizens of Arizona and their needs.

**Environment:** *(Influential factors)*

1. In Arizona, 96,062 children are living in grandparent headed households which is a 73.8% increase since the 1990 Census.
2. The greatest increase in grandparent headed households has occurred in western states.
3. Cooperative Extension will partner with community coalitions and agencies providing assistance to GPRG.
4. Cooperative Extension and community partners will assist GPRG with their concerns of the lack of understanding and knowledge of the school system and regulations, cost of raising grandchildren with limited resources, legal issues, generation gap problems, conflicts with biological parents, lack of support groups, inadequate public policies, lack of good medical coverage and physical energy and health of grandparents.