

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN
“What You Need to Know”
8th Annual Conference
A Conference for Grandparents Raising
Grandchildren and other Relative Caregivers

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REGISTRATION (Deadline Monday, October 20, 2014)

Name _____

I am: _____ **Grandparent or Relative**
_____ **Professional/Service Provider**
_____ **Other**

Agency (if applicable) _____

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- ⇒ **HELPLINE/211 & LINK**
- ⇒ **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES**
- ⇒ **PARENTS & PROFESSIONALS**
- ⇒ **WYOMING VALLEY DRUG & ALCOHOL**

Nearly 240,000 Pennsylvania children under the age of 18 live in households headed by relatives other than their parents. Nearly 80,000 Pennsylvania grandparents are responsible for caring for their grandchildren living with them; 38 percent have no parents of the children present in the home, and 19 percent live in poverty.

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GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN:
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Resources and Other Information
8th Annual Conference for Grandparents,
Relative Caregivers, Service Providers & Others

Friday, October 24, 2014

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Mohegan Sun Convention Center

1280 Highway 315, Wilkes-Barre, PA 187012

Register by Friday, October 17, 2014

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Loftus-Vergari & Assoc., Inc., Pittston Memorial Library, Attorney David Saba, Luzerne-Wyoming County Area Agency on Aging, Children's Service Center, Institute for Human Resources, Northeast Resources Development Corporation, PNC Financial Services Group, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Milton Hershey School, Luzerne Foundation, Baker for Senate

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WORKSHOPS

- **HELPLINE/ 212 and LINK** The workshop will focus on all types of information and services available from 400 local agencies, as well as over 16,000 additional regional, state and national resources. They can be contacted by phone or internet.

- **CASA** provides a voice for children who have been victims of neglect or abuse. The workshop will talk about services available to grandparents navigating the court system.

- **Parent & Professional working for Special Needs Situations** provides training and assistance to grandparents who have children with disabilities, and to families who have children with learning and behavior problems. The Special Kids Network works in our area and with agencies we know to create and improve services for children and youth with special health care needs. The workshop will talk about extra services available to families in need of extra support.

- **Wyoming Valley Drug & Alcohol Services** The workshop will assist with the problems of substance abuse and its impact on families. It will offer the family coping skills to deal with the difficult problems they face.

Panel Discussions

Education and Advocacy Panel 10 :15 am
Michael Garzella, Amy Linnen, Lori DeVoe and Lynn Pons

Ask the Lawyer Panel 1 : 00 pm
Attorneys Lisa Pierotti, Larry MacDonald, Nicole Bednarek and Angela Forlenza-Stevens all practice in Luzerne County handling all aspects of custody, adoption and visitation relating to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Intergenerational Coalition Objectives

- To ensure families and community organizations obtain basic knowledge of available community resources.
- To understand community systems, missions, programs and eligibility requirements and to educate families and providers with ways to access these systems, services and programs.
- To ensure families and community organizations have the opportunity to be exposed to new ideas and develop new skills as grandparents, family caregivers, and providers
- To explore core issues and concerns of grand families.

* P R O G R A M *

8:00—9:00 AM	Registration/Continental Breakfast Resource Tables Open
9:00—9:15 AM	Welcome Remarks - Howard J. Grossman, Chair NEPA Intergenerational Coalition
9:15—9:45 AM	Guest Speakers — State Senator Lisa Baker,
9:45—10:15	Keynote Address — David Saba A Grandfather's Journey
10:15—11:00	Panel Discussion Education, IEP & Advocacy—Panel of local Educators and Agency representatives to answer your questions
11:00—11:15 AM	Break/Resource Tables Open
11:15—12:00	Workshops/Presentations (<i>Choose One</i>) CASA..... Stephanie Simon & Joan W. Peterson, BSW, MPA Parent & ProfessionalLori De Voe & Kathy Stocki Wyoming Valley Drug & Alcohol.....Kori Britton
12:00—12:15	NEPA Support Group Introductions
12:15—1:00 PM	Lunch/Resource & Tables Open
1:00 – 2:00PM	Panel Discussion Ask the Lawyer—Panel of Local Attorneys currently practicing in the area of Family Law
2:00—2:30 PM	Final Remarks – Rabbi Larry Kaplan, Temple Israel

***CHILD CARE IS NOT AVAILABLE.
SINCERE REGRETS.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DAVID SABA

David Saba is a life-long resident of the Wyoming Valley. After graduating from GAR High School in 1967, he attended King's College, obtaining a bachelors degree in 1971. Mr. Saba continued his post-secondary education at Emory University, Atlanta, GA and received his juris doctorate degree in 1974. He has been a practicing attorney in Luzerne County for the past 40 years and recently established his own law firm in April of this year. He and his wife, Brenda, have been raising their grandson, Tanner, for the past five and a half years and completed the adoption process of Tanner in August of 2014.

Final Remarks

RABBI LARRY G. KAPLAN

Rabbi Larry Kaplan has been rabbi of Temple Israel since 1998. He is a Chaplain at the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration Hospital and the State Correctional Institute at Dallas. Rabbi Kaplan sits on various boards throughout the community. Raised in Philadelphia, Rabbi Kaplan received his BA from Brandeis University and his Masters and Rabbinic Ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He is married to Gerri and they are the parents of six children and have been foster parents to over 30 children.

For General Conference Information, contact:

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570-654-9565

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