



About the GrandRally 2017

The 5th National GrandRally is a gathering in Washington D.C. of hundreds of grandparent and other relative caregivers and their allies from across the country to elevate the critical role kinship families play in providing safe, loving, permanent families for children.

The GrandRally builds and strengthens a national network—a community of hope—recognizing and celebrating the essential role relative caregivers play in providing safe permanent families for children and youth. Those attending will see they are part of large committed community. It is an important opportunity to educate Members of Congress and their staff, the media and the general public while inspiring relative caregivers to raise their powerful voices in Washington, D.C. and back in their home states. The previous four GrandRallies effectively educated policy makers about the unique needs of kinship families and created momentum that helped promote key policy improvements such as the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act and LEGACY intergenerational housing.

This year's GrandRally activities include:

The Rally: The 90 minute rally on the front lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building (May 10th 1:00 -2:30) will feature Members of Congress, caregivers and children in kinship families, musicians raised by or raising relatives and will highlight important federal policies and programs that help to support these families.

Visits with Members of Congress: Following the rally, many of those attending will visit with their Senators and Representatives and staff to share facts about children raised by relative caregivers, the permanence they provide and the support they need to successfully help the children in their care thrive.

Advocacy Trainings & Celebration: For those arriving on May 9th, advocacy training will be offered followed by a dinner honoring kinship families. Advocacy training will also be offered the morning of the rally and in advance of the rally via webinars and mailed materials.

Virtual Rally: Grandfamilies and their advocates from across the country who cannot come to Washington DC in person for the GrandRally will be participating in virtual grandrallies across the country by holding events where together they will watch the livestream of the rally, call their members of Congress and share information about the Rally through social media. For more information visit <https://grandrally2017.org/about/virtual-rally/>

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