



BECOME A GRAND VOICE

GRAND VOICES is a national group of select grandparents and other relatives raising children. GRAND Voices serve as strategic partners to inform policies and practices affecting grandfamilies and help reveal family strengths, needs and service gaps. They provide guidance and feedback on Generations United's resources and advocacy on behalf of grandfamilies. With the support of Casey Family Programs, Generations United provides information and training to the group and facilitates their engagement in opportunities to raise their voices to shape programs, policies and strategies that result in better outcomes for children and families.

- Aims to have caregiver voices front and center
- Established in 2014, more than 80 members representing 46 states and 12 tribes

GRAND VOICES EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

Generations United supports involvement in external engagements such as with:

- Policymakers
- Tribal Leaders
- Administration
- Child welfare leaders
- Community systems/collaboratives
- Foundations
- Media
- Judges/Courts including Tribal Courts
- National and Local Conferences

SUPPORT THAT GENERATIONS UNITED PROVIDES TO GRAND VOICES INCLUDE:

- Quarterly video/phone conference convenings where policy, program and resource updates are shared
- Peer-to-Peer video/phone calls which highlight successes and wisdom of GRAND Voices
- Training on a range of topics including advocacy and public policy, sharing your story, fundraising and accessing resources.
- Travel support
- Speaker and participant preparation
- Information and resources through electronic communications
- Networking opportunities

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“The connections I have made here in my own state, because of being identified as a GRAND Voice, has made a difference. I know the other [GRAND Voices] have achieved awards as I have. The power of that has changed the way people see what I am doing and they want to be a part of making a difference.”

Gail

GRAND Voice of Colorado