



Supporting Grandfamilies

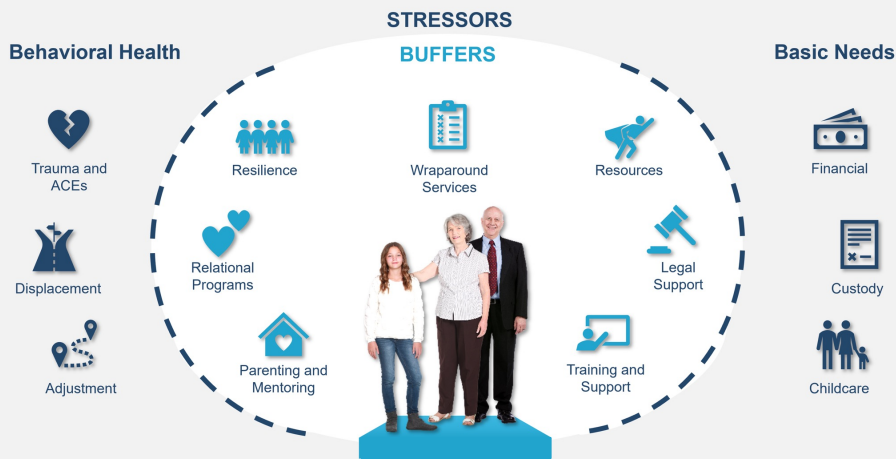


As a result of the impact of the opioid epidemic, increasing numbers of children are being raised by their grandparents. These children and their families experience difficult circumstances, adverse life events, and challenging family dynamics.

What can Supporting Grandfamilies do for your community?

Supporting Grandfamilies includes a combination technical assistance and training services focused on the implementation of research informed prevention interventions to build resilience with opioid impacted children while addressing the needs of the caregivers.

- ✓ Develop a plan for **cross-sector collaboration**
- ✓ Conduct a local **needs assessment** of existing programs and services and conduct a **gap analyses**
- ✓ Utilize a **collective impact framework** to strengthen community and individual resilience
- ✓ Counter the adverse childhood experiences(ACEs) to **prevent and reduce impact of trauma**
- ✓ Ensure that caregivers can access **vital community services**, public benefits and legal assistance



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provides a framework for considering stressors and buffers to address the behavior health and basic needs of children and their caregivers.

What participants will do

- ✔ **Assess Needs:** participants will engage in four workshops on the impacts of the opioid crisis on children and caregivers, assessing existing programs and services and strategies for building individual and community resilience.
- ✔ **Implement Strategies:** participants will have opportunities to identify and begin implementing strategies into practice and policy, including child focused strategies for countering ACEs, relational interventions, caregiver training, caregiver and child focused wraparound services.

What community partners will learn to do ?

This service is comprised of technical assistance, and four 90-minute in person or virtual workshops on the following topics for community cross-sector teams of 8-15 community members. Sessions will provide tools for assessing needs, prioritizing services, and leveraging collective impact.

- ✔ Understanding the impact of the opioid crisis on children and caregivers
- ✔ Leveraging collective impact to strengthen cross-sector partnerships
- ✔ Establishing programs, policies, and systems to create individual and community resilience
- ✔ Peer sharing and lessons learned

About EDC

Education Development Center (EDC) is a global nonprofit that advances lasting solutions to improve education, promote health, and expand economic opportunity. We have decades of experience helping communities promote individual and community resilience through research informed and culturally responsive interventions.

Opioid Specific Services We Understand the complexity of the opioid crisis and how to prepare stakeholders to work together to address it. Working as partners, EDC helps communities develop the prevention knowledge, skills, and systems needed to prevent opioid misuse, overdose, and overdose-related deaths.

Prevention Solutions Preparing the behavioral health workforce for over 30 years, we provide training and expert consultation to support public health agencies and organizations working to address substance misuse and related problems in their communities. We are your trusted partner in developing prevention systems equipped to address today's complex prevention needs.

Strategic Planning At EDC, we understand that effective prevention is deliberate, and that strategic planning is the foundation for linking prevention programming to critical prevention outcomes and developing sustainable prevention systems.