



# Grandparents Corner

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*Helpful Resources*

There is a broad continuum of family arrangements and governmental supports when a child is placed out of his/her parents' home. Arrangements can range from informal to judicially ordered. Families may qualify for additional benefits as follows:

**Cash Assistance** - Apply at your local County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) agency and ask for "Child Only" TANF or Ohio Works First cash assistance. Eligibility is based on the child's out-of-home status, not the caregiver's income.

**Medical Coverage** - Apply at your local CDJFS while seeking cash assistance. Based on the child's income. If he/she is not already covered on a health insurance policy, the child is likely eligible for a Medicaid card. This will be very valuable in meeting the needs of the child in your care.

**SNAP (Food Stamps)** - Apply at the local CDJFS. This benefit is based on your household income and the number of people living there.

**Child Care Subsidy** - For low-income caregivers who are working. Apply at your local CDJFS

**Kinship Permanency Incentive Program** - Financial supports available for qualifying permanent kinship families (those with judicial custody awarded). Apply at your local public Children's Services agency.

**Grandparent Power of Attorney and Caregiver Affidavit Forms** - HB 279 updated the legal documentation to assist grandparent caregivers who have physical custody of their grandchildren, but no judicially awarded custody. When properly completed, notarized, and filed with the court, these forms will assist grandparents with enrolling grandchildren in school and participating as the parent, and accessing routine and emergency medical and dental care. The revised forms do not expire, and if disagreements arise between the grandparent caregiver and the parent, the grandparent can request a hearing in juvenile court and seek judicial custody.

**Power of Attorney Forms** - For grandparents whose children are authorizing the grandparent's power of attorney for their grandchild.

**Caregiver Authorization Affidavit Form** - For grandparents caring for their grandchildren who are unable to locate the child's parent or parents.

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*Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times, can lead to death. Answer True or False to the questions below.*

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1. Handwashing is the number one way to reduce the spreading of germs.    T    F
2. Adults over 65 are particularly vulnerable to the flu and its complications.    T    F
3. Because the immune system may decline with age, traditional flu vaccines sometimes do not work as well in older adults, so a higher dose version is available.    T    F
4. The most serious complication of flu is fatigue.    T    F
5. While you are sick, it is important to limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.    T    F
6. The pharmacist should be asked about any specific foods that should be avoided, such as grapefruit, with a new medication.    T    F
7. To avoid medication errors, take medication in adequate light with eyeglasses on.    T    F
8. A medical alert bracelet, or card that lists the medications the person is currently taking, can save their life in an emergency.    T    F
9. Both you, and the person in your care, should be vaccinated, ideally in late summer or fall before the flu season starts.    T    F
10. Prescription antivirals such as Tamiflu and Flumadine prevent or cure the flu.    T    F

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