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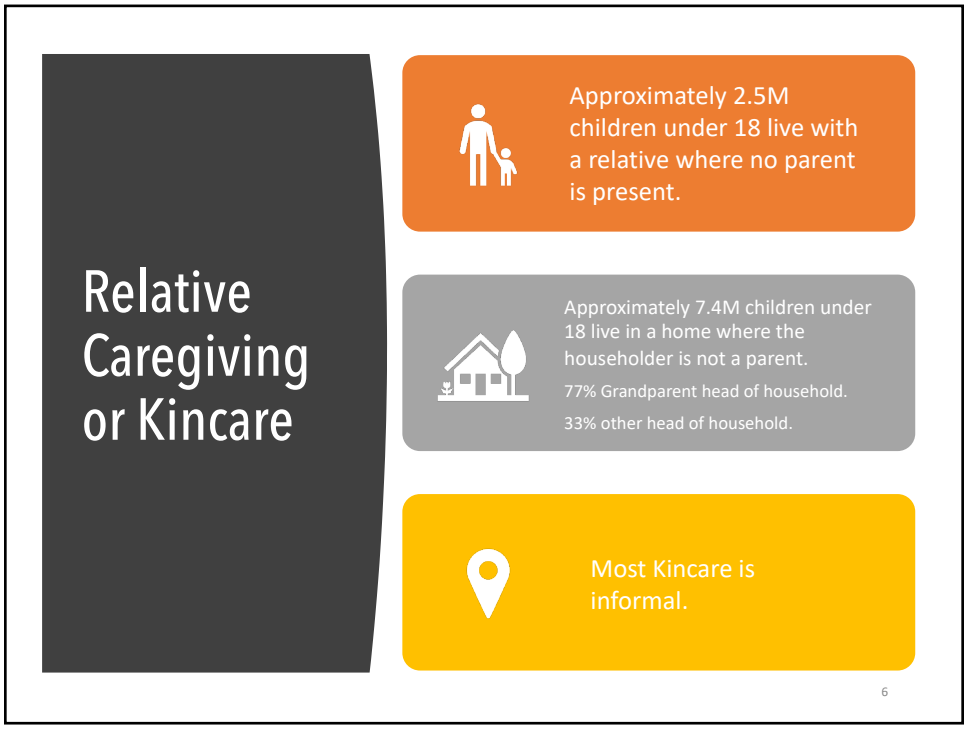
Relative Caregiving or Kincare
Approximately 2.5M children under 18 live with a relative where no parent is present.
Approximately 7.4M children under 18 live in a home where the householder is not a parent.
77% Grandparent head of household.
33% other head of household.
Most Kincare is informal.
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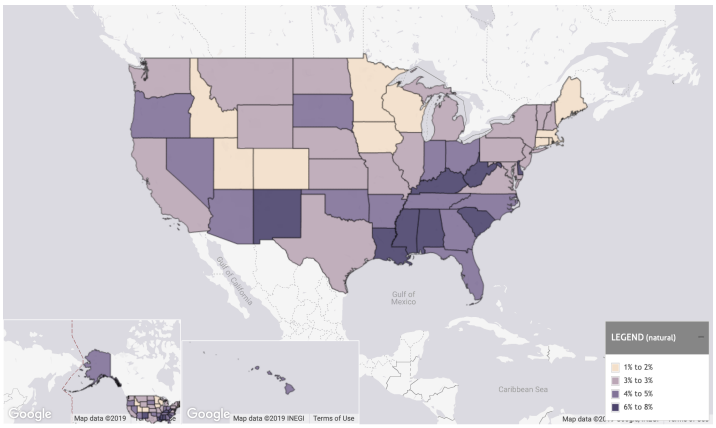
Children in Kinship Care in the U.S.

(2017-2019)



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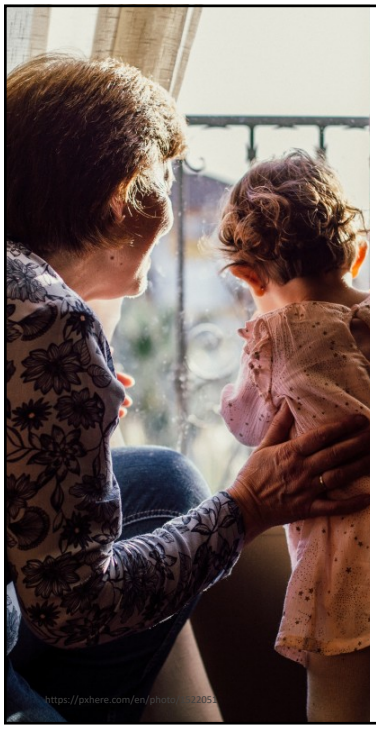

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Relative Caregiving or Kincare

- Census counts co-resident grandparent(s), with or without parent(s) present, and grandparent(s) with primary parenting responsibilities.
  - Limited research on other types of relative and/or non-relative informal care relationships.
- Non-grandparent relative caregivers can learn from the experience of grandparent caregivers:
  - Risk and protective factors for the Caregiver(s) and the child(ren)
  - Common experience with legal, financial, education, and health systems; relationships, identities, roles, etc.

Ellis, R.R., & Simmons, T. (2014). "Coresident Grandparents and Their Grandchildren: 2012." Current Population Reports, P20-576. U.S. Census Bureau: Washington, DC.
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A Profile of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren as a Result of Parental Military Deployment

Shelia Grant Bunch
Brenda J. Eastman
Robin Rene Moore

SUMMARY. There is a growing number of grandparents faced with the need to raise their grandchildren as a result of the military deployment of their own child. This is a descriptive study that examines the experiences of 23 grandmothers who are providing full time child care

Research on *Military* Kinship Caregivers…

- Study (2008) explores experiences of 23 grandmothers providing kincare found:
  - Problematic levels of stress
  - Changes in intimate and social relationships
  - Lack of connection to military/branch for support

Bunch, S.G., Eastman, B.J. & Moore, R.R. (2008). A Profile of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren as a Result of Parental Military Deployment. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment* 15(4), pp. 1-12. https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1300/J137v15n04_01

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POP QUIZ

You've just learned that you need/have to care for a child that is not your own.

What are some feelings/reactions you might experience?

To whom are these feelings directed?

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Multiple, Complex Pathways to Kincare

FAMILY SITUATION

- Employment, deployment, deportation
- Parental substance abuse, addiction; incarceration
- Neglect, abandonment, abuse
- Parental youth/inexperience
- Divorce, unstable home life, homelessness
- Parental physical/mental illness; death

CAREGIVER MOTIVATION

- Keep the children with family
- Keep the children out of the foster care system
- Ensure well-being and a sense of belonging
- Obligation; spiritual influence

Bavier, R. (2011). Children residing with no parent present. Children and Youth Services Review. 33(10): 1891-1901.
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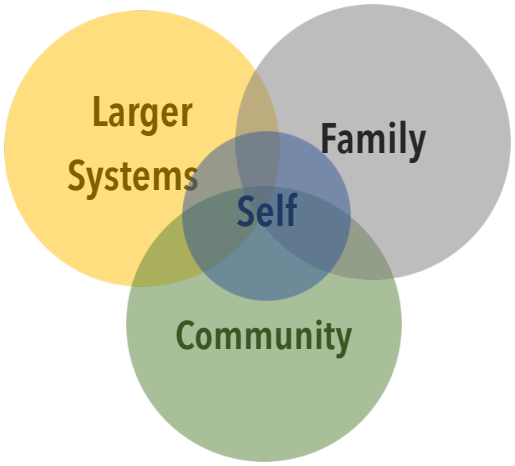

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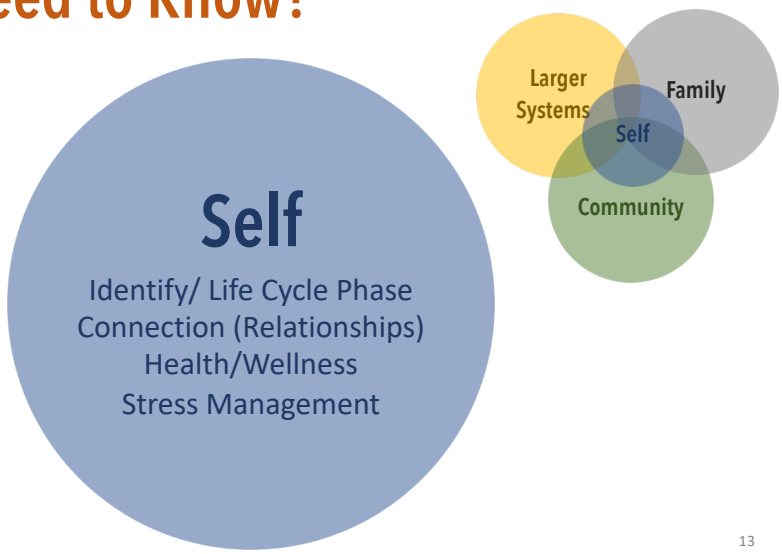

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Loss & Ambivalence

- For the relative caregiver, with whom is their primary attachment/bonding experience?
- What conflict could there be when placing the care/needs of the child above that person?

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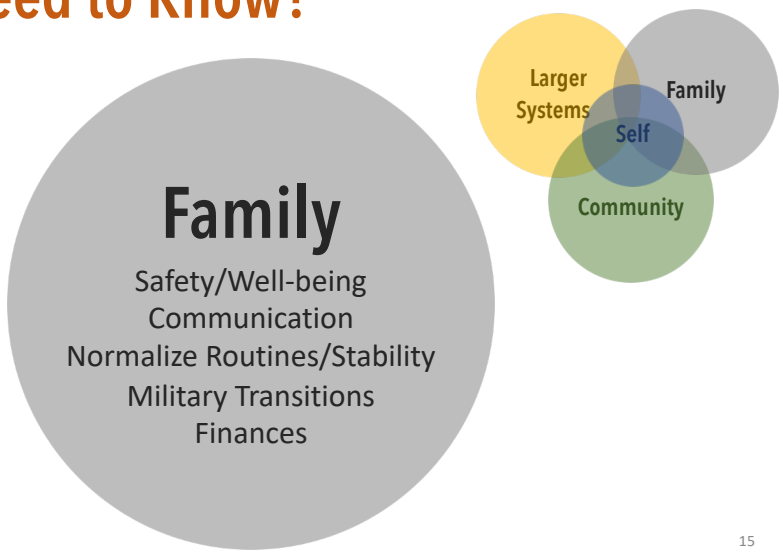

Family

Safety/Well-being
Communication
Normalize Routines/Stability
Military Transitions
Finances

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Community

Resources
Organizational Support
Extended Family/Friends

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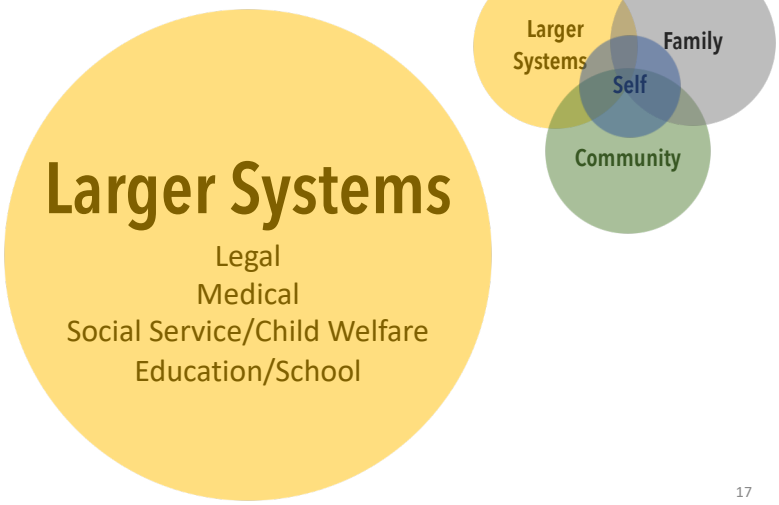

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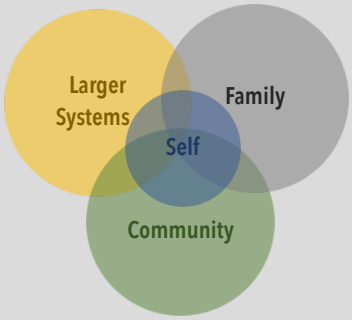
What Can Helping Professionals Do?

- **Help kinship caregivers to:**
  - Normalize where they are at
  - Manage stress and barriers
  - Recognize needs changes and strengths
  - Maintain stability
  - Navigate journey
  - Make meaningful connections



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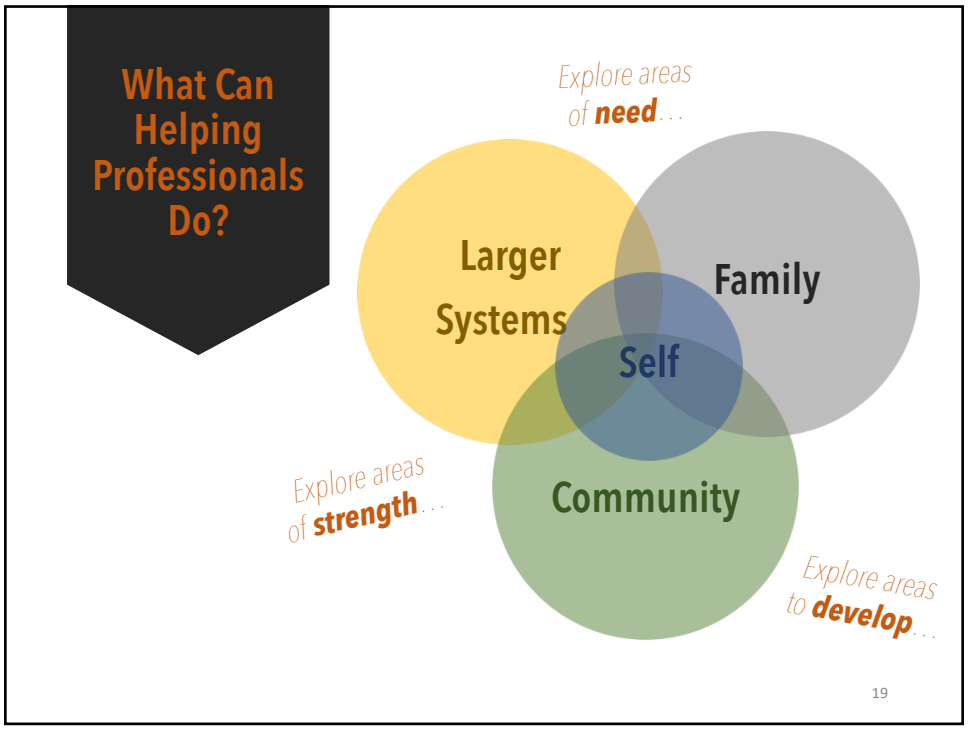
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Explore areas of need...
Larger Systems
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Community
Explore areas of strength...
Explore areas to develop...
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