



# For Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Tip Sheets

- Are you a grandparent raising your grandchild or a relative caregiver?
- Are you looking for financial resources or other services, such as childcare, for your grand-family?
- Are you concerned about the safety and/or well-being of your grandchild?
- Are you unsure about how to get help, where to go, or what to do?

**You are not alone!**

**There are thousands of grandparents and relative caregivers raising children in Massachusetts.**

The Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren created these **Tip Sheets** to help answer some of your questions and direct you to the right place for information and support.

\*Available in English, Spanish and Portuguese

**TIP SHEET #1 - Choices in Custody:** Provides an overview of the various custodial arrangements, including guardianship and adoption.

**TIP SHEET #2 - Legal Resources for Grandparents and Relative Caregivers:** Provides a list of online and in-person legal resources.

**TIP SHEET #3 - When the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is Involved:** Explains custody issues when children are in DCF care.

**TIP SHEET #4 – Financial Resources:** Provides information on the available financial resources for grandparents and relative caregivers.

**TIP SHEET #5 - Support Services:** Provides a list of resources available to grandparents and relative caregivers that are in need of support and access to services.

The Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren was established in 2008 to serve as a resource to the Commonwealth on issues affecting grandparents raising grandchildren and other relative caregivers. The Commission works to provide information, resources, and support to the thousands of Massachusetts grandparents and relative caregivers by hosting community workshops, trainings, an annual conference, and maintaining a comprehensive and current directory of resources for caregivers. For more information, visit the Commission's website at [www.massgrg.com](http://www.massgrg.com)

