

Glynn County Grandparents (or relative caregiver) responsible for under 18 grandchildren in 2017: **2,421**

69.9% of relative caregivers are 60+

Source: US Census Bureau American Family Survey – estimated

Nationally, 1 in 3 adoptions are now by a relative. The incidence of children adopted from foster care by relative caregivers has increased **31%** since 2011.

Source: Annie E Casey, KidsCount Data

NEED:

Grandparent Connection helps to keep children with their biological families and out of foster care. Support for these grandfamilies requires skilled resources, informed referrals and a caring community to mitigate – or solve, potential problems. Coastal Coalition for Children’s Grandparent Connection in Glynn County is a cherished resource for grandparents, other kinship, and grandchildren.



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ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:



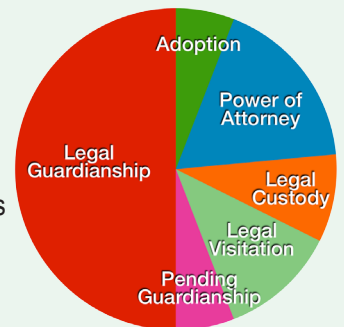
Grandparent Connection teaches voluntary classes to grandparents for 8 weeks each quarter. Average annual attendance: **57**



Monthly grandparent support groups with **28-30** adults and **40** grandchildren in attendance. Childcare provided.



46 legal kinship relationships created in 2016, required for school registration, doctors visits and more.



Back-to-school event with supplies for **70** children.

Over **188** referrals covering needs from birth certificates and immunization records to food and childcare assistance.



65 children in 2017 received summer camp scholarships.



349 grandchildren received free After Camp Tutoring for 4 weeks during the summer.



Grandchildren may feel abandoned by their parent(s) and the grandparent(s) may feel anger, sadness and sorrow toward their own child. **Resolve Project** is a 4-week therapeutic, interventional program with a licensed social worker, discreetly designed to help the families with the greatest struggles. Attended by **59** committed grandparents and grandchildren.



160 attended the 6th Annual Grandparent Connection Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Brunswick in 2017. GPC arranged breakout sessions for grandparents with: pro bono legal advice; pro bono Glynn County school guidance; health and wellness advice and check up; childcare for infants and toddlers, plus age appropriate arts and crafts. Expecting in February 2018: **200**

Number of grandchildren officially participating in Grandparent Connection programs referred back to DFACS: **0**