

- Nearly 5.8 million (3.6%) grandparents live with their children and grandchildren.
- It is estimated that nearly half of children under five years are cared for by a family member. Care by a grandparent, aunts, and other relatives accounts for 30% of the total child care nationally.
- Family members have routinely been identified by health researchers and clinicians as being highly influential for individual behavior change.
- Previous research has demonstrated that family members are valuable audiences for programs because of their level of motivation to individuals eligible for the program.

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Do you have children
of a relative living in
your home?

Are you a grandparent
raising your
grandchildren?

Do you have an
influence on the
children of family
members outside of
your home?

We need your help.....

A team from the National Children's Study in Marion County, WV is interested in understanding the roles of non-parental relatives who are the primary caregivers of children in their family. The team is also interested in gaining insight into the involvement that extended family members have in decision making as it relates to parenting. We invite you to participate in one of our focus groups.

How does it work?

- You will participate in **one** session only.
- Each session will last no more than **1 hour**.
- You will be compensated for your time.
- No personal information will be used to identify focus group participants.

**Contact our office to
participate in the study or
for more information!!**

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How will the information gathered be used?

This research is being conducted to support the development of the National Children's Study (NCS). NCS is the largest research study of the environment's effects on children's health and development ever conducted in the United States. Marion County, WV is a host site for the study.

For more information on the National Children's Study visit www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov