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# Linking Gerontology & Geriatrics: *Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren: Expectations and Experiences*

Proceedings, materials and resources for health care professionals and providers and anyone interested in caring for the aging population

**When:** February 18, 2012 • 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Oklahoma State University, 432 Human Sciences, Stillwater, OK 74078

## GRANDPARENT WORKSHOP

**WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:** Participants will be given evidence-based information to enhance the professional practices of health care providers and others working with grandparents who are parenting their grandchildren.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Rural healthcare providers, and other professionals working with older adults; the event is open to the public.

**DONNA JACKSON, JD:** *What Grandparents Need to Know About Their Legal Rights and the Legal System – Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*

**Objectives:** (a) to introduce basic legal right of grandparents raising grandchildren and (b) to discuss basic legal procedures regarding guardianship and custody issues of grandparents.

**Profile:** Jackson received her J.D. in 1988 from Oklahoma City University School of Law and her LLM-Masters in Law in Elder Law in 2010 from Stetson College of Law.

**JANE GARNER, BA, MA:** *How We Can Help Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: The Aging Services Division Oklahoma Department of Human Services*

**Objectives:** (a) to share information regarding programs administered by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Aging Services Division and (b) to discuss programs and services available through the aging network in Oklahoma.

**Profile:** Garner received a B.A and M.A. from the University of Oklahoma; she practices as a Programs Field Representative with the Community Relations Unit in the Aging Services Division.

**DR. EUGENE HOYT, JD, MD & FCLM - Kinship Parenting**

**Objectives:** (a) to describe the explosion of grandparent and kinship parenting, (b) to explain the related ecological factors, (c) to introduce the related psychosocial and social support issues, and (d) to introduce the psychosocial implications for grandparents and grandchildren.

**Profile:** Hoyt is licensed in law and medicine, practices as an Assistant Attorney General in the State of Oklahoma. He has served as a U. S. Air Force-Advocate; practiced internal medicine, and he serves as a trustee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, Vice-Chair of the Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality, and President of the Payne, Pawnee, and Noble County Medical Society.

**MR. & MRS. RIDEN, ENTREPRENEUR – Bittersweet Memories of Grandparent Raising Grandchildren**

**Objectives:** The Ridenes will share with us their grandparenting experience. At the age which people can start thinking about a peaceful and happy retirement, their life changed when stepping up to protect the future of their grandchildren.

**Profile:** Mr. Riden has owned Saws and All Shop, where he sharpens kitchen knives, farm equipment, tools, and more, for 27 years. The Ridenes, now also have the task of rearing their grandchildren.

\*\*\* Registration includes a light lunch.



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