

RAISING GRANDCHILDREN:

Empowering the Intergenerational Family

3rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE
for Grandparents, Relative Caregivers and Service Providers

Complete and return registration form to:
Area Agency on Aging • Attn: Annette Grella
Suite 100 • 111 N. Pennsylvania Blvd. • Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
Fax: 570-823-9129

REGISTRATION (Deadline May 1st)

NAME _____
(To appear on certificate)

I am: ___ grandparent/relative caregiver
___ professional/service provider
___ Other

AGENCY (If applicable) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CHECK ONE WORKSHOP FOR EACH SESSION

AM Session

- Stress Management for Caregivers
- Intro to Family Group Decision Making
- Know Your Rights
- Are Your Grandchildren & You Safe Online?
- Put Outdoor Play in Everyday

PM Session

- Getting a Child into School & Keeping Her There
- Custody & Child Support 101
- Adventures in Intergenerational Communication
- Bullying

For more information, contact:

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___ I need LSW-LCSW Continuing Education Credits
\$15 for five CEU credits provided through FSAWW

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FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009
7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Genetti's Hotel & Conference Center
77 East Market Street • Wilkes-Barre, PA



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and
The Northeastern Pennsylvania Intergenerational Coalition
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More than 165,000 children in Pennsylvania are being raised in households that are headed by grandparents. These families, as well as those with other relative caregivers, face unique challenges, struggles, and opportunities. Join us for this important conference that will target the needs of the caregivers as well as community service providers and concerned others.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure that families and community organizations obtain basic knowledge of available resources
- To understand community systems, missions, programs and eligibility requirements and to familiarize families and providers with ways to access these systems, services and programs
- To ensure that families and community organizations have the opportunity to be exposed to new ideas and develop new skills
- To facilitate links between families and service providers
- To explore core issues and concerns of families

WORKSHOPS

- ♥ **Stress Management for Caregivers—Staying Strong for Yourself & Others:** Focus on fundamentals of effective stress management and skills for effective child management.
- ♥ **Introduction to Family Group Decision Making:** FGDM involves families, public agencies and community participants to offer parents a decision making role to ensure the safety of their children.
- ♥ **Know Your Rights—Relatives Navigating the Child Welfare System:** When county agencies place children in foster care, concerned and capable relatives do not always know where to turn to offer their assistance. What do you have a right to expect from the children and youth system & how should the courts be treating you?
- ♥ **Are Your Grandchildren & You Safe Online?:** Increase your awareness & understanding of internet/online threats to safety & discover how to recognize signs of potential trouble and learn to minimize your risks.
- ♥ **Put Outdoor Play in Every Day:** Physical inactivity is a risk factor for chronic disease. Learn the benefits of physical activity, the importance of “play” as a way for both grandparents/caregivers and children to improve their health.
- ♥ **Getting a Child into School & Keeping Her There—Who Can Enroll a Child & Who Can Make Special Education Decisions:** The rules for enrolling a child into public school and what to do if a district refuses. Who can make special education decisions for a child with an IEP?
- ♥ **Custody & Child Support 101:** The basic legal procedures, practices and resources for establishing child custody, visitation, and child support.
- ♥ **Adventures in Intergenerational Communication:** There are some benefits of being raised by someone who is older than a traditional parent—learn activities/practices to help grandparents connect with their grandchildren.
- ♥ **Bullying:** Bullying—its impact on schools, families and society and how to deal with it.

PROGRAM

AM	7:45-8:30	Registration/Continental Breakfast Resource Tables Open
	8:30-8:45	Welcome and Introductions Senator Ray Musto, Conference Co-Chair Craig M. Lukatch, Conference Co-Chair Howard J. Grossman, Chair, NEPA Intergenerational Coalition
	8:45-9:30	Keynote Address Rep. Keith R. McCall, Speaker of the House of Representatives
	9:45-10:45	AM Workshops (Choose one) • Stress Management for Caregivers Craig N. Piso, Ph.D. • Intro to Family Group Decision Making Fran Martin, Judith Omerza, Rose Gallagher Cathy Hoover Mericle • Know Your Rights Eleanor L. Bush, Esq. • Are Your Grandchildren & You Safe Online?, Stephen L. Broskoske, Ph.D. • Put Outdoor Play in Every Day Carol Hussa, Michele Schasberger
	10:45-11:45	Public Policy Panel Facilitated by Senator Ray Musto
PM	11:45-12:45	Luncheon Keynote Address “How to Be Happy If You Have to Raise Children” Rabbi Larry Kaplan, Temple Israel (Wilkes-Barre)
	12:45-1:30	Grandparents “In-The-Know”: Practices Supporting Grandparents Across the Commonwealth Eleanor L. Bush, Esq., Legal Services Training Specialist Family Design Resources Matt Kaplan, Ph.D., Associate Professor—Penn State University Intergenerational Programs and Aging Mary Ehret, MS, RD, LDN, Extension Coordinator— Luzerne County, Penn State Cooperative Extension Joy Woods-Jones, MSW, Program Director—Temple University Grandma’s Kids Kinship Support Program Center for Intergenerational Learning Dr. Jeffery T. Namey, Superintendent of Schools Wilkes-Barre Area School District
	1:30-2:00	The State of Aging Today John Michael Hall, Pennsylvania Secretary of Aging
	2:00-3:00	PM Workshops (Choose one) • Getting a Child into School & Keeping Her There Jennifer Lowman, Esq. • Custody & Child Support 101 James M. Davis; Michael Shucosky, Esq. • Adventures in Intergenerational Communication Matthew S. Kaplan, Ph.D. • Bullying Jim Jacobs

Regrettably, child care is not available.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

LSW-LCSW 5 CEUs provided through Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley.

ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Representative Keith R. McCall Pennsylvania Speaker of the House

Keith McCall has served the people of Carbon County since 1982 when he was elected to fill the vacancy left in the General Assembly by the death of his father—Rep. Thomas McCall.

Keith was born December 16, 1959 in Coaldale, PA, the youngest son of Mary Ann Guardiani McCall and the late state Rep. Thomas J. McCall. He is married to the former Betty Wehr. They are the proud parents of two children, a daughter, Courtney, and a son, Keith II. McCall graduated from Marian Catholic High School and attended Penn State University and Harrisburg Area Community College. He began his public service by fighting to make sure tax dollars were spent wisely as a field auditor with the state Department of Auditor General.

John Michael Hall Pennsylvania Secretary of Aging

John Michael Hall was appointed Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging on November 1, 2008, by Governor Edward G. Rendell. Hall served the commonwealth as Deputy Secretary, Office of Long-Term Living since March 2007. In that role, he guided the program, policy and fiscal operations of long-term living in the departments of Aging and Public Welfare.

Before his move to Pennsylvania, Hall spent 11 years in state government in Vermont and Maine, most recently as Deputy Commissioner for Health, Integrated Access and Strategy in the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. He was also Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Social Welfare and Principal Assistant to the Secretary in the Agency of Human Services in Vermont.

Rabbi Larry G. Kaplan

Rabbi Larry Kaplan has been rabbi of Temple Israel, Wilkes-Barre since 1998. He is a Chaplain at the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration Hospital and the State Correctional Institute at Dallas. Rabbi Kaplan sits on various boards throughout the community, including Luzerne County Children & Youth, Step by Step and John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitative Medicine.

Raised in Philadelphia, Rabbi Kaplan received his BA from Brandeis University, and his Masters and Rabbinic Ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He is married to Gerri and they are the parents of six children. Within the last 7 years, they have been foster parents to over 30 children.

DIRECTIONS

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Traveling from Interstate 81: Take 81 North or South and Exit 168 (Highland Park Boulevard). At the light turn left onto Highland Park Boulevard. At the 3rd light continue straight onto Coal Street. At the 5th light turn left onto Wilkes-Barre Boulevard. At the first light turn right onto Market Street. The Best Western Genetti Hotel & Conference Center is 1 1/2 blocks on your left.

Traveling the PA Turnpike: Exit 105, at stop sign, turn left and proceed down the mountain (6.6 miles), take Exit #2 (Center City), turn left onto Wilkes-Barre Blvd., follow 5 traffic lights to Market St. (2 miles), make a right onto Market St., proceed 1 1/2 blocks to hotel.

Traveling Interstate 80: Exit 284, follow 115 North approximately 18 miles, proceed down the mountain, take Exit #2 (Center City), turn left onto Wilkes-Barre Blvd., follow 5 traffic lights to Market St., (2 miles), make a right onto Market St., proceed 1 1/2 blocks to hotel.

Traveling Rt. 309 on Cross Valley Expressway: Exit #2 (Center City), turn onto Wilkes-Barre Blvd., follow 5 traffic lights to Market St. (2 miles), make a right onto Market St., proceed 1 1/2 blocks to hotel.