More and more grandparents are raising their grandchildren. Providing the basic necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter is a financial challenge for many grandparents. Nationally, one in ten children live with their grandparents with 41% acting as the primary caregiver.¹

Where to go for help:

California's Child Support Program works with legally acknowledged parents and guardians to ensure children and families receive court-ordered financial and medical support. Some of the services offered at the 52 county and regional child support agencies are:

- Establishment of child support and medical support orders
- Establishment of paternity
- Modification of child support orders
- Enforcement of child support orders
- Accurate accounting

Applications for services are available at the local child support agencies or online at: [http://www.childsup.ca.gov](http://www.childsup.ca.gov). Click “Apply for Services” on the website. Applications can be printed and mailed, or brought to the local child support agency for processing.

Additional Assistance:

- **Family Law Facilitator:** Every family court has a family law facilitator to provide child support information and help parents or guardians obtain and complete court forms. Services are free. Visit: [http://www.courts.ca.gov/self-helpfacilitators.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/self-helpfacilitators.htm) for more information.
- **Human Services:** Social workers and family resource centers can be helpful in finding the needed services in your area. Visit: [http://www.chhs.ca.gov](http://www.chhs.ca.gov) for more information.
- **Social Security:** Under certain circumstances, Social Security will pay benefits to grandchildren. More information can be found on the Social Security website at: [http://www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/index.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/index.htm).
- **American Association of Retired Persons (AARP):** The AARP has resources available to you if you are raising your grandchildren. The AARP has a “Guide for Grandfamilies” which can assist you with tips and tools needed to take care of yourself and your family. Additional information can be found at: [http://www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).


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