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### **Michigan Kinship Conference – Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

***A conference designed for kinship caregivers and professionals working with kinship care families***

**WHAT:** This year's theme for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Kinship Care Conference is "You Have Built It: Now We Are Going to Bridge the Gap." We will be looking at today's current issues facing kinship caregivers, bringing together information, resources, and enlightenment to address issues and challenges grandparents and relative caregivers face with raising their children. Professional speakers who are experienced in their topic of discussion will address the following:

- **How to Identify Behavior Issues, Grandchild Exposure to Trauma, Dealing with Grief, Abuse, Neglect, Abandonment**
- **Understanding Estate Planning, Power of Attorney, Adopting, Foster Care, Guardianship: Which Option is Best for Me?**
- **Staying Sane in Crazy Times**
- **Working with DHS & Identifying Resources**
- **Digital Divide: Understanding Social Media Language**

**WHEN:** **Friday, September 9, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** The conference is **FREE** to grandparents raising grandchildren and relative caregivers, but you must register. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, August 31, 2016. Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, and all conference materials!

**WHERE:** Sacred Heart Major Seminary **2701 Chicago Blvd., (near Linwood) Detroit, MI 48206**

**WHO:** Bridging Generations, People's Community Services, Franklin Wright Settlements, Inc., Detroit Parks and Recreation Department, and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Committee

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