Raising children exposed to trauma

The National Center on Grandfamilies by Generations United has published the 2017 annual report on the State of Grandfamilies in America. This year it focuses on the critical role of grandparents and other relatives in providing safe, nurturing and stable homes for children who have experienced trauma.

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Articles

Study shows teens’ bonds with parents impact future parenting

Teenagers

New research has put a spotlight on how adolescent girls' relationships with their parents can later affect their bonding experience with their own children.
[Medical XPress, 20 October 2017.]

Remove ads that appeal to children, gambling sites told

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Online gambling companies have been urged to remove adverts featuring images likely to appeal to children.
[BBC News, 22 October 2017.]

Young children spend much more time in front of small screens

Common Sense Media just released new numbers on media use by children 8 and under - 98 percent of homes with children now have a mobile device such as a tablet or smartphone.
[Anya Kameneatz - NPR, 19 October 2017.]

Successful parenting

Never speak too soon - well-behaved children and teeners do not necessarily grow up to be ‘successful adults.’
[Cata Salazar-de - Malaya, 23 October 2017.]

Being a step parent

Stepparents should banish the thought from their minds that they deserve to be ‘second-rate parents’ merely because the children are not of their blood.
[Sandhya Varma - Mathrubhumi, 22 October 2017.]

Parents and teachers should be on the same team

Now that the school year has gotten under way, it is time for parents and teachers to realize that we are all on the same team.
[Aryeh Eisenberg - The Times of Israel, 22 October 2017.]

Forcing single parents to be verified is “intrusive and demeaning”

In Australia, recipients of the welfare payment will need to have a referee sign a legal form confirming they meet the eligibility criteria.
[Christopher Knaus - The Guardian, 20 October 2017.]

End loophole allowing one parent to remove a child from country

Campaigners are calling for an end to a “kidnapper’s charter” which enables a parent to remove children from Scotland without the other parent’s permission.
[Paula Murray - Sunday Express, 22 October 2017.]
Is marriage obsolete? 4 essential reads

Marriage
This roundup of stories explores trends and pressures affecting the institution of marriage around the world.
[The Conversation, 21 October 2017.]

Dining out with children

Parents
Getting ready for the restaurant excursion can help families avoid some of the common pitfalls. Patience and planning can help dining out with the family go smoothly.
[NRToday, 20 October 2017.]

Studies

Healthy grandparenthood: how long is it, and how has it changed?

Grandparents
Using US and Canadian data, this study examines changes in the length of healthy grandparenthood during years when grandparenthood was postponed, health improved, and mortality declined.
[Rachel Margolis1 and Laura Wright - National Center for Biotechnology Information, 10 October 2017.]

Videos

Dad is the real kid

Devices
One in four spots about #DeviceFreeDinner, a great way to hit ‘pause’ on your digital life + spend time with your family!
[Common Sense Media]