

COMMISSION ON GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN



CITY OF HARTFORD
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMISSION ON GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN
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AGENDA
COUNCIL AS A WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2004, 6 P.M. – 7 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
PRESENTATION BY
GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN COMMISSION

OVERVIEW OF THE ISSUES:

TINA LAMORTE, MSW, CHAIR

Staff Attorney and Assistant Clerk @ Hartford Probate Court

- NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PHENOMENON
- GAPS IN SERVICES FOR THIS POPULATION
- LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND PROJECTS TO ADDRESS THE GAPS IN SERVICES

PERSONALIZING THE ISSUES:

LOUISE DOUGLAS, VICE CHAIR AND GRANDMOTHER RAISING:

ZHANE, AGE 8 (relative foster care)
CHERELLE, AGE 17 (legal guardianship without subsidy)

- SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

IRINA VASSAT, COMMISSIONER AND GRANDMOTHER RAISING:

JAIQUAN, AGE 3 ½ (legal guardianship without subsidy)
JOSHUA, AGE 13 (informal custody)

- FRUSTRATIONS OF NEGATIVE PARENTAL INTERFERENCE
- RAMIFICATIONS (WITHIN THE FAMILY) OF APPLYING FOR LEGAL CUSTODY

BARBARA TURNER, COMMISSIONER AND GRANDMOTHER RAISING:

PHILLIP, AGE 2 (relative foster care)
SHARNICE, AGE 3 (legal guardianship with subsidy)
TA'KI, AGE 3 (relative foster care)
TALIQUE, AGE 6 (relative foster care)
SELENA, AGE 6 (legal guardianship without subsidy)
SEQUIN, AGE 8 (legal guardianship without subsidy)
SYLMERRIS, AGE 11 (legal guardianship without subsidy)
MALAYSIA, AGE 8 (relative foster care)
QURON, AGE 13 (relative foster care)

- "YOUNGER" GRANDPARENTS.
- DIFFERENCES IN TYPES OF GUARDIANSHIP.
 - GUARDIANSHIP WITHOUT SUBSIDY (TANF SUPPLEMENT ONLY);
 - GUARDIANSHIP WITH SUBSIDY;
 - RELATIVE FOSTER CARE.