

Duet News

• FOR GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN •

From the Director's Desk

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Happy Fall, y'all! We survived summer and are expecting cooler temperatures. We can start enjoying what our beautiful state has to offer, such as hikes, walks, and picnics outside.

Pandemic and social-distancing guidelines have been difficult for some. **We want you to know we are here for you.** Even though our office is closed to the public, we are available and just a phone call away. Hopefully we can resume our events and meetings in person soon. Oh my, we miss your faces!

Don't forget about the **one-time \$100 respite fund** we extended through October 31. It allows you to purchase items to keep your grandchildren **occupied at home.** Give us a ring to see if you qualify. Also, our **regular respite funds** are still available.

We are still giving out FREE MASKS to our grandfamilies. They are available for pickup for the month of October. If you haven't taken advantage of this opportunity yet, call us today to organize a pick-up time. 🦋

Advanced Directives and Wills Workshop

Do you have a plan if something happens to you? Who will make your financial or medical decisions when you can no longer speak for yourself? Although no one likes to think about this potential phase in their life, advance directives will save your loved ones in a difficult time from making decisions that may be contrary to your wishes. Local attorney Christina Stoneking will discuss the difference between advance directives (such as the durable power of attorney, health care power of attorney, living will and funeral arrangements) and a last will and testament. Christina will provide guidance on how to obtain and complete the forms, and explain what to do with your advance directives once they are done.

When: Saturday, October 17, 2020

Time: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Zoom (link via email)

RSVP: Required best@duetaz.org
(602) 274-5022, ext. 114 🦋



Wildlife World Zoo

Wildlife World Zoo in Litchfield Park has Arizona's largest collection of exotic and endangered animals, with more than 600 separate species, rides, a petting zoo and daily shows. The zoo has been open since September 3, and we would like to invite our families to visit in October. This opportunity is available to our families on a first come, first served basis. We encourage families to prepare a picnic lunch in an ice chest. In order to qualify, you need to have done an intake as well as submitted necessary paperwork. **ATTENTION:** When providing this opportunity, we expect our families to adhere to the CDC guidelines in order to respect others with immunocompromised health conditions.

When: Saturday, October 24, 2020

Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: Wildlife World Zoo, 16501 West Northern Avenue Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Cost: \$5/person

RSVP: Required by Friday, October 16
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Legal Guidance and Assistance

In Maricopa County, we help grandparents determine appropriate legal options for their unique situations. We offer funding to pay for the preparation of legal documents (restrictions apply). Informal caregiving begins when grandparents assume temporary parenting responsibilities while their adult child "gets it together." However, grandparents may face difficulties in raising their grandchildren without formal custody. Securing formal custody helps grandparent's access support services and provides greater stability for grandchildren.

For more information please call Patricia Dominguez, (602) 274-5022 .

Join Us for Grandparents Support Groups

Being connected to other grandparents and kinship caregivers is more important now than ever. A lot of our families are facing financial hardships, isolation, and frustration caused by the current pandemic. Connecting with peers over a virtual support group will let you know that you are not alone. During these groups, we support one another and share resources and information. Participating is easy, as the link sent via email takes you directly to the platform.

When: Thursday, October 1, 2020, 6-8 p.m.
Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 9 - 11 a.m.
Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 9 - 11 a.m.
Saturday, October 31, 2020, 9 - 11 a.m.

Where: Zoom (link will be sent via email)

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