

Examining the Unique Challenges of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Identifying Empowerment Solutions

The purpose of this study is to examine disparities in South Carolina related to education and behavioral well-being of school aged children among custodial grandparent-headed families during COVID-19 and to identify empowerment solutions to promote equity at the system and policy levels.



Eligibility Criteria

Custodial grandparents raising grandchildren who attend *elementary* schools in South Carolina representative of various regions (e.g., Upstate, Midlands, and Lowcountry).



Survey Information

The survey will take about 30 minutes to complete. Please type the URL below into a browser or scan QR code to complete survey electronically. If you prefer a hardcopy of the survey mailed to your home address please contact cfec@mailbox.sc.edu, put in subject line Grandparent survey.

If you meet eligibility requirements and complete the survey, you will receive a \$15 gift card for participating in the study.

Access the survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/4va6xa2j>

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about the study, please contact Dr. Yanfeng Xu, Assistant Professor, Principal Investigator, yanfeng@mailbox.sc.edu at the University of South Carolina College of Social Work or Ms. Theresa Harrison, Co-Principal Investigator, HARRI642@mailbox.sc.edu, Carolina Family Engagement Center, College of Education.

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