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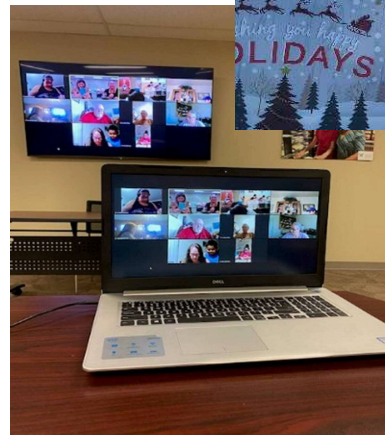
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LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE: WHAT IS SUCCESSFUL RESPITE IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD?

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Adapting: Our Journey Through the Pandemic

- During the pandemic
 - A shift in services
 - Finding the value in virtual programs
 - Workshops
 - Social engagement
 - Finding new ways to connect with Grandfamilies
 - Supporting families during the pandemic
 - Respite services changed



Moving Beyond and Thriving



- Post-Pandemic
 - Continued virtual programs
 - Challenges to bringing people back to in-person events
 - Decrease participation in support groups
 - Increase in social outings attendance
 - New programs developed
 - New opportunities for community partnerships

Respite - Funds for Kids Activities



- Financial assistance
 - Time-off for the grand or kinship caregiver
 - Supervised activity for the child
 - Community engagement



Kids Day Out Activities

- Drop-off events quarterly
 - Crafts
 - Movies
 - Magic Show
- Community partnerships
 - Find help
- Benefits
 - Grand and kinship caregivers get a break for 4 hours
 - Grandfamilies don't all have supportive people to help care for the children
 - Children get to connect with other children in similar situations



Grandfamily Outings/Retreats

- Monthly social outings in the community
 - Zoo
 - Museums
 - Bowling
 - Pool parties
- Yearly retreats
 - Staycation or Road Trips
- Benefits
 - Grandfamilies lose relationships so offering these outings help them connect to other grandparents
 - Children get to connect with other children in similar situations



Tips for Success

- Be flexible
- Build partnerships
- Keep up technology
- Be creative
- Eligibility requirements



Other Services Offered to Duet's Grandfamilies

- Grandparent Sharing Groups
 - In person and virtually
 - Find connection and support from a community which understands
- Educational Workshops
 - Special topic meetings
 - Lunch/Brunch and Learn
- Information and Referral
 - Help grandfamilies access community resources
- Benefits and Legal Guidance
 - Guardianship, Non-Parent Custody, or Dependency
- Family Support Coordination
 - FSC works with the families one-on-one-support and navigation of various systems and services



