

# Relatives as Parents Program

**RAPP** 

### WHO DO WE SERVE?

- Caregivers raising relative children
  - Grandparents
  - Aunts & Uncles
  - Siblings
  - Children being raised in kinship families
  - Eighty families (active and inactive)



# Background on Relative Caregiving

- 2.4 million grandparents in US responsible for basic needs of grandchildren
- Reasons why children are placed with them
  - Substance abuse
  - Addiction issues
  - Mental Illness
  - Incarceration
  - Unemployment
  - Single Parenthood
  - Death

### What do we offer?

- Monthly Meetings/Support/Guest Speakers
- Youth Development Program
- Referrals
- Respite Events
- Caregiver Support
- Intergenerational Events
- Education
- Teen group













# June 2016 Intergenerational Activity: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Family Portraits













#### Recruitment

- Social Service Referrals
- Other Human Service Agencies
  - CASA
  - Head Start
  - Legal Services of the Hudson Valley
  - Coalition members/word of mouth
  - Participation in local expos



### **Funding Sources**

- Dyson Foundation September 2017
- United Way 2018
- Ulster Savings Bank 2016
- OCFS (Office of Children and Family Services)
  \*Beginning September 1, 2016)

\*\*\*Brookdale Foundation - Pending (Application Submitted)

# **Pilot Programming**

- Parenting Program
  - 5 Principles necessary for parenting
  - Who we have served/future
- Financial Literacy
  - Wants vs. Needs
  - Financial Terms
  - Credit
  - Income Expenses
  - Home Ownership





