

# Ohio Grandparent/ Kinship Coalition — Where Your Voice is Heard!

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## Senator Charleta B. Tavares, Keynote Speaker for the Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition Conference



The Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition is proud to announce and have Senator Charleta B. Tavares as the keynote speaker for our upcoming 2011 conference.

Senator Tavares was sworn in on January 3, 2011 as *the first African American and Democrat woman to serve as a state Senator from central Ohio in Ohio's 207*

*-year history!*

She is a committed public servant who most recently served as a member of Columbus City Council from 1999-2010. Tavares has a state and national reputation as a leader in the areas of housing, health and human services. During her tenure on Council she chaired the Council's Housing and Health & Human Development Committees and served

on the Finance, Utilities, Development, Minority and Small Business, Public Service and Transportation, Recreation and Parks and Zoning Committees.

Tavares was the chief sponsor of and successfully passed some of the most significant legislation in recent history in the areas of health, human development and housing including the: Clean Indoor Air Act; Housing Preservation Fund; Living Donor Paid Leave Program; Emergency Human Services Capital Fund; Responsible Property Owners Law (abandoned property); Columbus/Franklin County Affordable Housing Trust; Columbus Legislative Internship Program (CLIP); and Columbus Youth Safety Helmet Law.

Prior to joining Council, Tavares left a legacy for the residents of Ohio during her 5 ½ year tenure in the Ohio General Assembly as the State Representative in the 22nd House District. Tavares was the first African-American and democrat female to serve in the state legislature from Franklin County and the first African-American woman ever to hold a leadership position in the Ohio General Assembly, opening the doors for others to follow.

**See Conference information below**

### KINSHIP PERMANENCY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

#### Possible GOOD NEWS!!!

The Ohio House of representatives restored the Kinship Permanency Incentive program at \$2.5M for 2012 and \$3.5M for 2013...now onto the Senate.

Great work to the advocates and kinship caregivers. Please thank all who sent support letters. We will need to keep the pressure on to make sure the Senate keeps this in their version.

**Continue to send letters, postcards and call your state representatives and state senators!**

### 2011 CONFERENCE

#### OHIO GRANDPARENT KINSHIP COALITION CONFERENCE

**September 8 AND 9, 2011**

**Embassy Suites Airport  
Columbus, Ohio**

**September 8th—Meet and Greet  
September 9th— Workshops, Luncheon and Keynote  
Speakers**

*If you are interested in registering for the conference, placing an Ad or having a vendor's table please contact us at:*

***info@ohiograndparentkinship.org***



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## “ Y O U R C H I L D ’ S S E L F E S T E E M !

*This brief Parent Tip is provided at no cost by United Services for Effective Parenting-Ohio, Inc. as a tool to assist parents, teachers, grandparents and all who help to care for and to raise our children. For more information on this and other tools from USEP-OHIO refer to the conclusion of this Parent Tip.*

### Teens Need To Have High Self Esteem - How Can Their Parents Help?

In today’s world, we know that youngsters must have a healthy self-esteem in order to survive. They spend much of their time making choices that depend upon their ability to sort out consequences. Having high self esteem means that you believe in yourself, accept yourself – both strengths and weaknesses, respect yourself and others, like yourself and others, trust yourself, and make your own decisions – knowing what is right, and right for you.

Discuss these traits with your teenager, and also explore what it means to have low self-esteem. They may recognize traits they see in themselves or their friends. Teens with low self-esteem lack self-confidence, do not accept themselves for who they are, do not have self-respect, may actively dislike themselves, distrust themselves, let others make their decisions because they believe that what others think is more important than what they think.

### Help Give Your Teen a Self-Esteem Boost.

- Encourage your youngsters to know and explore their values. Explain that values are the things they believe in, like honesty, self-respect, and are the things they act on in their lives.
- Encourage setting realistic goals. Help them determine what they want to accomplish today, and over the summer and in the future. Help them write down their goals and make plans of how to reach them.
- Help teens to make time every day reflecting on thoughts and feelings, also doing things they enjoy like reading, writing, playing, painting or listening to music.
- Encourage your teen to take pride in him/herself. Praise him for accomplishments, and encourage him to pat himself on the back for accomplishments big or small. Encourage him to develop his abilities and to take pride in them.
- Listen to your teen. Let her know that she really matters to you and to the family. Talk together every day.

## O H I O G R A N D P A R E N T K I N S H I P C O A L I T I O N

The bright green T-Shirts will raise awareness and help support the Coalition. These shirts will be great to wear all year long, especially at Grandparent events.

\$10.00/ each sizes M-XL

\$12.00/ each sizes 2X-3X

If you are interested in buying a T-shirt, please call Adel at 937-775-8247, or visit the website at [www.ohgrandparents.org](http://www.ohgrandparents.org)



## M A R K Y O U R C A L E N D A R

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING OGKC MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church	Wed, July 27, 2011
4131 N. High Street	Wed, Sept 28, 2011
Columbus, Ohio 43214	Wed, Nov 16, 2010
10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.	