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A Briefing on Kinship Care

**Supporting Child Well-being:  
New research confirms that children benefit from kinship care**

**Monday, June 2, 2008**

**2:30 PM**

**Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 562**

More than 2.5 million children are being raised by grandparents and other relatives because their parents are unable to care for them. These families, often referred to as kinship care families, are quite diverse yet they often have similar challenges and needs. Kinship care can help children to maintain family and community connections. A growing body of research points to a number of benefits associated with placing children with kinship foster parents rather than non-relative foster parents.

The latest research on kinship care, a report by investigators at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, will be released June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM. The findings will be discussed with respect to pending legislation in the House and Senate that would provide access to important supportive services for relatives caring for children in foster care, and those helping to keep children out of foster care.

Speakers will include:

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We thank Senator Hillary Clinton for making this event possible.

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