

# Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

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# 1 out of 3

grandparents are over the age of 60

# 19%

of grandparents raising grandchildren live  
below poverty

# 38%

of grandparents raising grandchildren are still  
in the labor force

(Harris et al., 2021; Guastaferrero et al., 2014; Yancura, 2013; US Census Bureau, 2021)

# Issues that GRG Face



## Health Issues

Both mental and physical health issues concerning aging, stress, and trauma in grandchildren



## Financial Difficulties

Plans for retirement being derailed, lack of income, economic disadvantages



## Social Difficulties

Lack of community and social network, lack of knowledge about resources, lack of access to resources

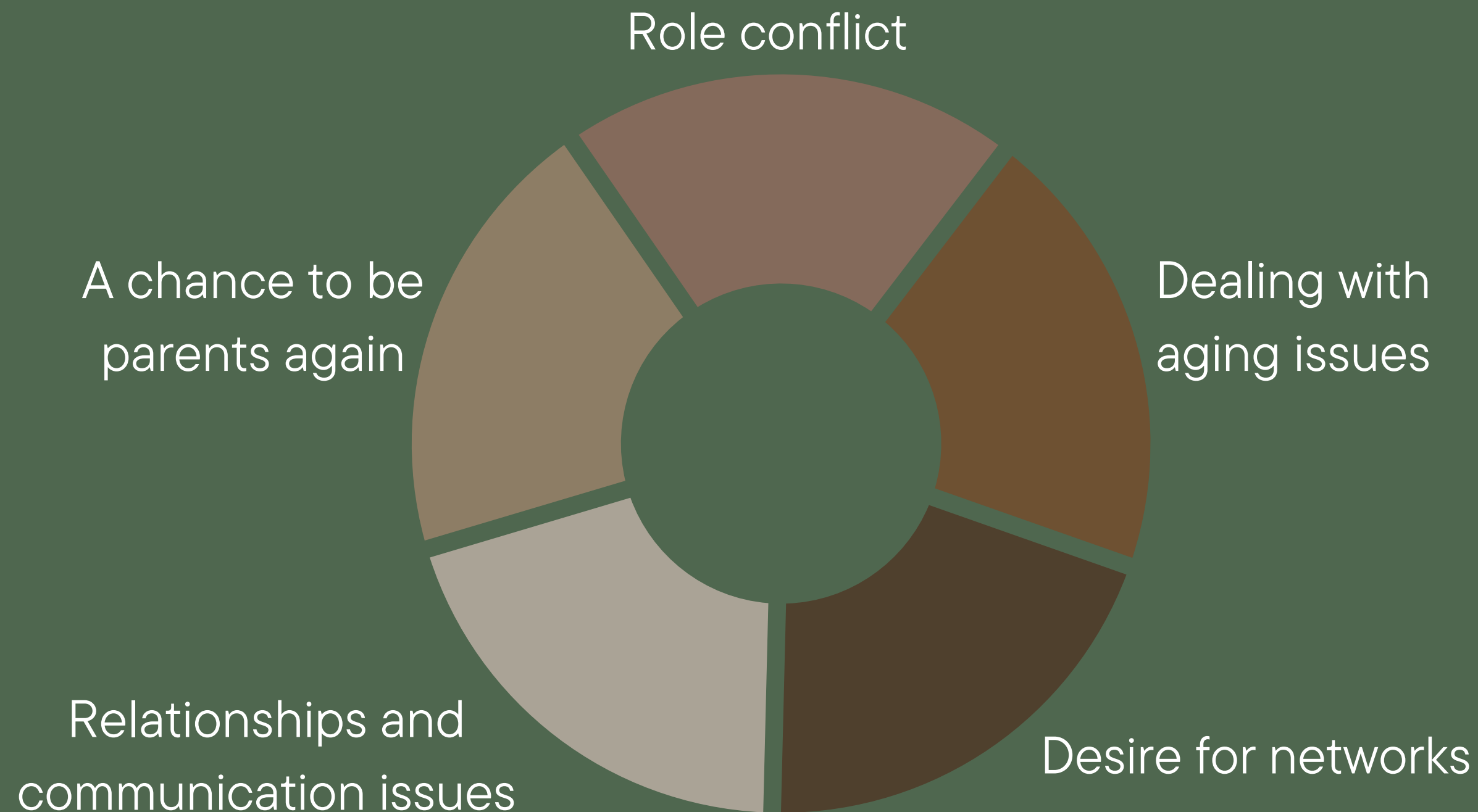


## Language and Technology

Difficulty navigating new technology, lack of language access, lack of being able to decipher language surrounding legal terminology and policies

# 5 Major Themes of GRC

Emergent needs and strengths as identified by interviews with grandparents



(Lee & Blitz, 2014)



What needs do  
you see in our  
community?

# Community Resources at The Life Center



Support Group



Education of  
Community  
Resources



Connection to  
Community  
Resources



Bi-Lingual  
Services



# Support Group

Peer support network

Every 4th Tuesday of the month at The Life  
Center

# Education of Community Resources

Informing members of the community about different organizations and services that could help support them.





# Connection to Community Resources

With the help of The Life Center's Family Caregiver Specialists, we are able to assess the needs of the community and refer them to the proper organization in the community with the help of NCCARE360





Hi!

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Hola!

# Bi-Lingual Services

Offering bi-lingual services to help those who do not speak English access resources and community networks.

# What resources could be beneficial?

What resources or other organizations do you know of that might benefit grandparents raising grandchildren?



Thank you!

Questions?

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