The Linda Haskell Memorial Master Class 2003

Grandparents as Primary Caretakers of Children
by Cristina Villalba Quesada

2:30 to 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 31, 2003
ASU Downtown
502 E. Monroe Street, Phoenix (parking available)
Reception to follow

The Linda Haskell Memorial Master Class is a yearly event supported by William and Rose Haskell in memory of their daughter, Linda, a social worker.
Welcome to the 2003 Linda Haskell Memorial Master Class, which focuses on topics related to seniors and their concerns. This year we are proud to join The Future Phoenix Grand Family Housing Development and the City of Phoenix Human Services Department, Senior Services Division, as our community partners. The Future Phoenix Grand Family Housing Development provides independent housing for seniors who are raising grandchildren.

For further information, contact (602) 542-5864. The City of Phoenix Senior Services Division offers comprehensive services to older adults and is responsible for 17 senior centers throughout the city.

Grandparents as Primary Caretakers of Children

Keynote Speaker

Cristina Villalba Quesada is professor of social work at Pablo Olavide University in Seville, Spain. She is the author of Abuelas Cuidadoras (Child-Caring Grandmothers) published in Spain by Tirant lo Blanch, 2002. She has worked as a social work practitioner for more than twenty years in the area of aging for the Diputación de Andalucía (regional government) and the City of Seville. She was a Fulbright scholar at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

Her research has focused on grandparents who take care of young children. She has also published in the areas of self-help and social networks of support. She continues to be concerned about the work and resiliency of family caregivers.

Panel of Local Respondents

Leah Landrum Taylor is an elected state representative for District 16 and is assistant democratic leader. Representative Landrum Taylor serves on the Committee on Environment and the Ways and Means Committee and has been appointed to serve as vice chair of the Housing Committee for NBCSL. She previously served on the Adoption and Foster Care, Homelessness, Governor’s Brown Cloud Summit, and Federal Mandates committees during the interim.

Maria Marta, with her child rearing days over at age 63, became the caretaker for 2-year-old Danielle when her mother, Maria’s daughter, left and gave Maria power of attorney. Today, at 14, Danielle is a bright and happy child who does well in school and with her peers. Maria, now age 75, continues to pour her life into raising Danielle, and the two have become inseparable.

Program

October 31, 2003

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Respondents

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Questions and Answers

4:45 p.m.

Reception and Refreshments

Reception Courtesy of State Representative Leah Landrum Taylor