

### **Annie Otto, Board Member**

Annie Otto is a board member of the National Committee of Grandparents for Children's Rights and a support group facilitator for the West Virginia Relatives as Parents Program.

Annie holds an Associates Degree from Hagerstown Jr. College and is a certified Veteran's Official as well as a certified facilitator for the West Virginia University Relatives as Parents Program.

Prior to her role with the Relatives as Parents Program, Annie was the Supervisor of Transportation for the Berkeley County Board of Education. Throughout her career, Annie has served on a number of notable committees and boards, including various Boards at the Berkeley County Board of Education, the Mediation Board of Family Law Judges, the West Virginia State Executive Committee, and the Berkeley County Executive Committee.

Annie is the current Silver Haired Legislator for West Virginia and serves on the West Virginia Council on Children and Families through a gubernatorial appointment.

She is recipient of multiple awards, including the Celebrating West Virginia Public Award from the West Virginia Women's Commission.

In the early 1990's, Annie worked with Grandchildren/grandparents to pass legislation protecting grandparents' rights. In 2009, she played a critical role in the passage of the Kinship Caregiver Act, giving medical professionals the ability to treat grandchildren and relative children without liability from lack of documented parental consent.

Currently, Annie is also the Vice-President for the county AARP, the Regional Membership Chair and the county Legislative Chair for the Retired School Employees group, a member of the Senior Service Board of Directors, serving on the Vicki V. Douglas Juvenile Services Advisory Board, and a member of the Family Resource Network Board.

Annie was born and raised in Berkeley County, West Virginia, where she makes her home. She is married with three children and currently raising her grandchild.