



Including the Wider Family

Families Need Fathers, The Grandparents' Association and Family Matters Institute call upon the Government to:

- **'Think Wider Family'**: ensuring that in any policy guidelines, grandparents and the wider family are explicitly considered and named.
- **Amend the Children Act 1989** to remove the obstacle that requires the agreement of the biological family to ask permission prior to making an application for contact and their case being heard.
- **Develop a sociological understanding of Grandparenting**: funding research, and projects that seek to explore and communicate the role and importance of grandparents to children's upbringing and welfare, and supporting them in this role.
- To ensure that both CAFCASS and the Judiciary **consider the important relationship between children and grandparents** in the court process and when determining the future arrangements for the child.

