Contents

		ction: On Adding "Grand" to Parenthoodndler and Orit Taubman – Ben-Ari	xiii	
1	Grandparenthood—Grand Generativity		1	
	Shirl	ey Ben Shlomo and Orit Taubman - Ben-Ari		
	1.1	Development of the Concept of Grandparenthood	2	
	1.2	Theoretical Approaches to Grandparenthood	3	
	1.3	Definition of the Grandparent Role	6	
	1.4	The Relationship Between Grandparents and Grandchildren	9	
	1.5	The Emotional Experience of Grandparenthood	- 11	
	1.6	The Impact of Changing Family Models		
		on Grandparenthood	12	
	1.7	Grandparenthood in Theory and Research: An Overview	13	
	Refe	rences	15	
2	Becoming a Grandparent—On Transitions			
	and	Transformations	19	
	Adi Noy and Orit Taubman - Ben-Ari			
	2.1	Transitions Throughout the Lifespan	20	
	2.2	The Significance of the Timing of the Transition		
		to Grandparenthood	22	
	2.3	Experiencing the Transition to Grandparenthood	24	
	2.4	Factors Affecting the Experience of the Transition		
		to Grandparenthood	26	
	2.5	Grandparents' Well-Being During the Transition		
		to Grandparenthood	28	
	2.6	Personal Growth Following the Transition		
		to Grandparenthood	29	
	Refe	rences	34	

viii Contents

3		g a Grandparent of a Child with a Disability	39		
	Liora Findler				
	3.1	Contending the Diagnosis	40		
	3.2	Emotional Processing	43		
	3.3	Between Denial and Acceptance—Reactions			
		to Child's Disability	43		
	3.4	Adapting to the Unique Circumstances	44		
	3.5	Grandparenting a Child with a Disability: Navigating Styles,			
		Roles and Meaning	45		
	3.6	Personal Costs and Prices	47		
	3.7	A Delicate Balance: Involvement versus Interference	48		
	3.8	Negotiating Differences of Opinion	49		
	3.9	Grandparents' Involvement and Support: Contributing			
		Factors	50		
		3.9.1 Interpersonal and Familial Relations	51		
		3.9.2 Gender Differences	51		
		3.9.3 Health	53		
		3.9.4 Geographical Distance	53		
	3.10	Personal Growth Among Grandparents			
		of a Child with a Disability	54		
	Refer	rences	63		
4	Gran	dparents of Children with Disabilities—The Parents'			
	Persp	pective	69		
	Liora	Findler			
	4.1	Grandparents' Role in Families of Children with Disabilities	70		
	4.2	Grandparents' Contribution to Parents' Adaptation	71		
	4.3	Features of Grandparents' Support	72		
	4.4	Gender Differences in Utilizing Grandparents' Support	74		
	4.5	The Complex Nature of Grandparental Support	76		
	4.6	Factors Predicting Grandparents' Support	78		
	4.7	The Differential Contribution of Each of the Grandparents	80		
	Refer	ences	83		
5	Twice Special—Grandparents Who Raise Grandchildren				
	with	Disabilities	87		
	Adi N	Noy and Liora Findler			
	5.1	The Costs and Benefits of Raising Grandchildren	88		
	5.2	Raising a Grandchild with a Disability	91		
	5.3	The Unique Needs of Grandparents Who Raise			
		Grandchildren with Disabilities	92		
	Refer		94		

Contents ix

5	A Lo	ong Way to Go-From Awareness to Practice	97
	Liora	Findler	
	6.1	Professionals' Ranking of Grandparents' Contribution	100
	6.2	Professionals' Perceptions of Grandparents' Support	100
	6.3	Costs and Benefits of Grandparents' Involvement	
		as Perceived by Professionals	101
	6.4	Professionals' Interactions with the Grandparents	103
	Refe	rences	105
i	nai W	ords: From Behind the Scene to Front Stage—Learning	
r	om the	Past and Looking to the Future	109
) 1	it Tau	bman - Ben-Ari and Liora Findler	