



CESA 10 Foster Grandparent Program

The Foster Grandparent Program, sponsored nationally by AmeriCorps gives seniors aged 55 years and older, who are interested in volunteering their time, a chance to make a difference in the lives of children. The program matches volunteers with children who need a little extra help and support.

The program is meant to serve both senior citizens and students with special educational needs or those who are falling significantly behind their peers. Foster Grandparents, who are income qualified, receive a small stipend and transportation reimbursement from the Foster Grandparent Program.

Foster Grandparents are matched with a teacher who identifies 2-4 students the Foster Grandparent will spend time with during the school day. The grandparent may work with other students, as well, but will focus on their assigned students. Grandparents help with reading, math, spelling, writing, emotional development, etc. It is very important, and a federal regulation, that Foster Grandparents spend their time at school, working with students.

The suggested time commitment for Foster Grandparents is 15 each week. A schedule offering fewer hours is possible. Six times during the school year, all grandparents attend in-service training meetings at CESA 10. There is also pre-service training for new volunteers.

Applications and/or additional information can be obtained by contacting:

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Foster Grandparent Program Fact Sheet

- Sponsors:** Federal - Corporation for National and Community Service
State - WI Department of Health Services
Local - Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) 10
- Purpose:** Provide opportunities for seniors aged 55 or over to give companionship and guidance to children with special educational needs.
- Qualifications:** A prospective Foster Grandparent must be:
- 55 years of age or older
 - able to work 5-15 hours/week
(may work up to 40 hours per week)
 - able to pass a criminal history & fingerprint background check
 - genuinely interested in the well-being of children
- Benefits:** Income eligible Foster Grandparents will receive:
- \$3.15/hour tax free stipend
 - paid holidays, sick, and vacation hours
- All CESA 10 Foster Grandparents will receive
- \$.585/mile transportation reimbursement
 - all necessary training
 - CIMA excess liability insurance
 - free lunches while at school (dependent upon participating schools)
 - Recognition