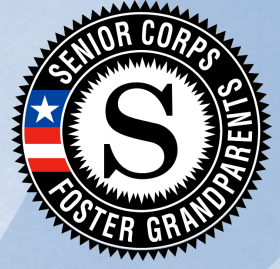


# Join Us As We Mentor Our Future!

DEPARTMENT OF AGING &  
DISABILITY SERVICES



AUSTIN, TEXAS  
CHANGING LIVES,  
ONE CHILD AT A TIME...

## ATTENTION SENIOR ADULTS

- \* Would you like to earn some extra money without it affecting your Social Security or other benefits?
- \* Participate in social activities with other Seniors?
- \* Use your talents and experience to help children?

If you answered yes to these three questions, then the Foster Grandparent Program may be right for you!

### BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- \* Tax-Free Stipend
- \* Transportation Assistance
- \* 15-40 Hour Work Week
- \* Paid Sick, Vacation & Holidays

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- \* 55+ Years of Age
- \* Limited Income
- \* Must LOVE to Work with Children
- \* Community Awareness

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to make a difference in someone's life - CALL TODAY!

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# Department of Aging and Disabilities

## Foster Grandparent Program



Changing the World, One Child at a Time

**ORGANIZATION:** The Foster Grandparent Program is administered by The Corporation for National and Community Service ([www.seniorcorps.org](http://www.seniorcorps.org)) and hosted by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. Foster Grandparents volunteer 15-40 hours per week (five days per week, four to eight hours per day) to provide consistency to the youth of the state.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Foster Grandparent Program is to provide an opportunity for persons over 55 years of age who have limited incomes to provide one-to-one companionship and guidance to serve children with special needs and/or exceptional needs, such as, emotional/behavioral problems, learning disabilities, those who are developmentally disabled and those who are at risk of abuse or neglect.

The Program is mutually beneficial to the older volunteer and the children served. The volunteer has the opportunity to remain active, make a contribution to his/her community and to give love to a child. Senior adults are being recognized as an invaluable, untapped resource and have been mobilized to volunteer their time and talents in a variety of non-profit child centered agencies. The intergenerational concept refers to situations and programs that join elderly and young so, together they have the opportunity to learn, grow, and experience a diverse exchange.

**WHAT WE DO:** Since 1965, the DADS Foster Grandparent Program has paired older adult volunteers with children and youth that have exceptional or special needs. Foster Grandparents serve at non-profit child centered agencies around the State of Texas. Grandparents serve at volunteer stations such as alternative learning centers, juvenile probation detention centers, substance abuse recovery facilities, centers for battered women, school for the deaf and blind, schools for the mentally retarded, schools for the physical disabled, elementary schools, head start programs and non-profit day care facilities. Foster Grandparents also volunteer at children's hospitals, teen shelters etc. around the surrounding areas.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Foster Grandparents must meet eligibility guidelines in order to serve as volunteers through these programs. In accordance with these guidelines, volunteers must:

- Be 55 or older
- Meet income guidelines set by CNCS, including gross income from all sources, which is reviewed annually
- Provide a Medical Release from a medical professional that certifies the applicant is physically capable of volunteering a minimum of 15 hours per week without detriment to themselves or the people they serve
- Pass a National Sex Offender Public Registry check, a statewide criminal history check, and a fingerprint-based Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal history check

### **14-15 GRANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- The program has placed 361 volunteers at 135 stations across the state
- Total volunteer hours of 437, 143, serving 7,981 children. This includes:
  - 1,566 in Public schools/daycares/Head Start Centers/SSLCs
  - 6,415 transient populations to include children in Juvenile Justice Centers, Homeless Shelters and Family Crisis Shelters.