

Metropolitan Family Service

Volunteer Description

Program: Foster Grandparent, 503.249.8215, ext. 16

Position: Foster Grandparent Volunteer

Program Description: Foster Grandparent serves special-needs children by providing older adult volunteers who act as positive role models in public schools, childcare programs, and hospitals.

Position Description: Foster Grandparent provides opportunities for adults age 60 and older to remain active and serve the communities in which they live. Volunteers may be eligible for a modest stipend for serving 15 to 40 hours a week, while children receive individual attention and direction from a caring, dedicated adult.

Time Commitment: At least 15 and up to 40 hours per week.

Benefits/Stipend: Tax exempt stipend available for volunteers who are income eligible (\$2.65 per hour); transportation reimbursement (mileage for personal car use or bus pass); a meal allowance when 4 hours or more of service in a day; paid time off once volunteer starts serving 16 hours or more a week (accumulated at a rate of 4 hours per month).

Responsibilities: Foster Grandparents help children succeed by **tutoring** in reading and math, **mentoring**, providing emotional and physical **support**, and **guiding** them through classroom activities.

Qualifications: Foster Grandparents should have the ability to: be flexible, dependable, and resourceful, while having a committed desire to work with children. Volunteers must understand and abide by the Foster Grandparent program's policies and procedures.

Supervision & Training: MFS staff will provide orientation to the program and training in specific useful skills prior to volunteer service. Volunteers attend monthly in-service training meetings and receive ongoing volunteer supervision from the program staff.

For more information: Contact Metropolitan Family Service at 503.249.8215, ext.22



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Because together, we can do more.