

# Foster Grandparent Program Sites

## Northern Illinois:

Chicago Foster Grandparent  
Chicago Department on Aging  
Chicago, Illinois  
312-744-3221

Family Care of Illinois  
Serving Suburban Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois  
773-429-9381

Kankakee School District 111  
Kankakee, Illinois  
815-937-5065

Kids Hope United, Inc.  
Waukegan, Illinois  
847-245-6500

Joliet Diocesan Catholic Charities  
Joliet, Illinois  
815-723-3405

Tri-County Opportunities Council  
Rock Falls, Illinois  
815-625-7830 (Ext. 18)

## Central Illinois:

Peoria Citizens Committee for  
Economic Opportunity, Inc.  
FGP for Peoria and Tazewell Co.  
Peoria, Illinois  
309-671-3950

Central Illinois Economic  
Development Corporation FGP  
Lincoln, Illinois  
217-732-9391

Kids Hope United, Inc.  
Serving Sangamon and Morgan Co.  
Springfield, Illinois  
217-522-7031

## Southern Illinois:

Kids Hope United, Inc.  
Centralia, Illinois  
618-532-4311

Senior Services Plus, Inc.  
Alton, Illinois  
618-463-0067

Southwestern Illinois College  
East St. Louis, Illinois  
618-874-8703

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Grandparents**

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[www.seniorcorps.org](http://www.seniorcorps.org)

To find out how your organization can partner  
with the Foster Grandparents Program,  
call the Corporation for National Service,  
1-800-424-8867, or the Illinois Department on Aging  
Senior HelpLine, 1-800-252-8966 (Voice and TTY).

**Illinois Department on Aging**  
421 E. Capitol Ave., #100  
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1789  
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**1-800-252-8966** (Voice and TTY)

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# Foster Grandparents Program

...providing opportunities  
for seniors to work with children  
with exceptional needs



Illinois Department  
on Aging



## Serving the critical needs of children and youth

Since 1965, the Federal government and the state of Illinois have partnered to provide funding for the 10 Foster Grandparent Programs in Illinois through the Corporation for National Service (formerly known as ACTION) and the Illinois Department on Aging.

In Illinois, 743 FGP volunteers have joined the 24,000 seniors nationally who volunteer in the Foster Grandparents Program.

## The Foster Grandparents Program...

- Helps abused and neglected children.
- Mentors troubled teenagers and young mothers.
- Provides care for pre-mature infants and children with disabilities.
- Provides different generations opportunities to grow together.
- Improves the lives of children and enriches the volunteers' lives.

Nationally, Foster Grandparents contributed 22 million hours of service last year — a value of \$286 million dollars.

## Where do seniors volunteer?

Foster Grandparents volunteer in:

- Schools
- Hospitals
- Drug treatment centers
- Correctional institutions
- Day care centers
- Head Start programs

## At the heart of the program is...

...the one-on-one daily attention that Foster Grandparents provide. This special care helps young people gain confidence, grow and become productive members of society.

The benefits to individuals, families and communities are both immediate and long lasting.

## A good idea — A great investment!

Nationally, 24,000 Foster Grandparents help meet the needs of more than 80,000 children and youth. The average annual cost of institutionalized care for a child is \$44,000. Each Foster Grandparent saves taxpayers more than \$40,000 per child.

Illinois Foster Grandparents contributed over 654,312 hours of service in over 5,500 schools.

## Who sponsors Foster Grandparents?

- City and State government agencies
- Local agencies serving children
- Community action agencies
- Religious institutions

## Who can become a Foster Grandparent?

You qualify if you:

- Are at least 60 years of age;
- Meet certain income eligibility requirements;
- Love children; and
- Are willing to volunteer 20 hours a week.

## What benefits would I receive?

Foster Grandparents receive a small, tax-free stipend to cover the cost of serving. They receive transportation assistance, meals while on duty, an annual physical examination and supplemental accident and liability coverage while they are volunteering. They also receive 40 hours of pre-service orientation and additional monthly training.