

Sites Served

East Valley Middle School
Butte School District
Helena School District
Bozeman Head Start
Helena Head Start
Butte Head Start
Whitehall Elementary
Whitehall Head Start
Dillon Head Start
Dillon Early Head Start
Butte Christian School
Butte Sheltered Workshop
Three Forks Elementary
Willow Creek Elementary
RMDC Preschool
Basin School District No 5
Boulder Elementary
Eastgate Elementary
Helena SACC Program
Helena Community School
Butte Central Elementary
Bright Beginner Preschool
Janie & Eileen's Day Care
Bozeman Sr Ctr. Preschool
AWARE Early Hd. Start



Other programs sponsored
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Area IV Agency on
Aging

Daily Dinner Club

Energy Share

Affordable Housing

Head Start

LIEAP

(Low Income Energy
Assistance Program)

Meals on Wheels

Preschool Child Care

RSVP

(Retired & Senior
Volunteer Program)

Senior Companion
Program

Senior Transportation

Weatherization

Foster Grandparent Program

Where Love Grows



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History of the Foster Grandparent Program.

The Foster Grandparent Program was originally developed in 1965 as a cooperative effort between the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In 1971 the Foster Grandparent Program became part of the National Volunteer Agency, ACTION. In 1994 the funding and administration of the Program changed to the Corporation for National Senior Service. All 50 States have Foster Grandparent Programs with a total of over 30,000 volunteers.

What do Foster Grandparents Have to Offer a Child?

Foster Grandparents work with children and young adults in a variety of settings. They offer children friendship, love and guidance.

Foster Grandparents strengthen the children of our community by sharing the expertise and knowledge they have gained over the years.

How Does the Program Work?

The Foster Grandparent Program is sponsored by Rocky Mountain Development Council and has over 90 volunteers serving in: Lewis & Clark, Silver Bow, Gallatin, Jefferson, Beaver-head, Deer Lodge, Powell, Broadwater and Meagher counties.

Volunteers work with children in a variety of settings such as elementary schools, Head Start classrooms, preschools, or other non-profit organizations that serve children.

Volunteers work with children individually under the supervision of a teacher or other child-care professional. The volunteer may help a child with academic skills or simply provide companionship and support to a lonely child.

The Foster Grandparent volunteers provide these services over a flexible work week consisting of 15 to 40 hours of service.

Men and women, 60 years of age or older, who are on a limited income are eligible to be Foster Grandparents.

Each volunteer must be able to pass a routine physical paid for by the Foster Grandparent Program.

What Benefits Do the Foster Grandparents receive?

- ◆ Volunteers are paid a stipend of \$2.65. This stipend is not taxable and cannot be counted as income. The stipend does not affect Social Security benefits, food stamps, rent assistance or any direct benefit you are receiving.
 - ◆ Transportation is provided if available or mileage up to 12 miles a day is reimbursed.
 - ◆ Annual physical examination
 - ◆ If available, meals or a snack will be provided by the site.
 - ◆ Monthly in-service trainings cover a myriad of topics
 - ◆ Vacation, sick and holiday pay.
 - ◆ Recognition events.
 - ◆ Accident/Liability Insurance (secondary coverage only)
 - ◆ Social Events
 - ◆ Chance to make a difference in the life of a child!
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