

## **More about Foster Grandparents**

COAD Foster Grandparent Volunteers serve 16 to 40 hours per week. A small non-taxable stipend of \$2.65 per hour is given to volunteers who meet income eligibility requirements. Currently those requirements are 200% of the poverty level. Additional income deductions for medical expenses and length of service can also be used to determine income eligibility.

In addition to the non-taxable stipend, Foster Grandparent Volunteers receive help with meal and transportation costs while volunteering, supplemental auto and liability insurances, an annual physical examination, pre-service orientation and monthly educational trainings and the joy of knowing they are making a difference for the children they serve.

COAD Foster Grandparent Volunteers are assigned 2 to 5 children or youth that they will work with as mentors and tutors on a weekly basis. They help children read, tutoring them so that they succeed in school. They work with troubled teens to help them gain confidence and to develop life skills. They work in pre-elementary school programs with preschoolers who need extra help to succeed in their future school endeavors.

In addition, the COAD Foster Grandparent Program works closely with our volunteers to help improve the quality of their lives. We assist volunteers with housing issue they may have, we update them on changes in Social Security and Medicare as well as assisting them in applying for prescription discount programs they may be eligible for. We provide opportunities for continuous education through monthly educational in-service trainings, help with getting their high school equivalency diploma and in some areas with free college coursework.

Currently the COAD Foster Grandparent Program operates in 17 counties in the Appalachian Region of Ohio. These counties are Athens, Carroll, Harrison, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Morrow, Holmes, Knox, Coshocton, Licking, Richland, Muskingum, Perry, Ross, Scioto and Tuscarawas.

Funding for the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Program is from the Corporation for National and Community Service. They fund a variety of volunteer service opportunities both in Ohio and across the nation. To learn more about the Corporation for National and Community Service visit them at their website at [www.cns.gov](http://www.cns.gov) The COAD Senior Programs Division also receives funding from the Ohio Department of Aging and through private grants, cash donations and in-kind support.

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