

NEMCSA
VOLUNTEER SERVICES
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FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Foster Grandparents establish a consistent, one-to-one relationship with school-age children and young adults in need of tutoring/mentoring in reading, math and social skills. Benefits of this intergenerational relationship are two-fold. Children receive support and encouragement, and FGP volunteers experience a renewed sense of self-worth. Due to the anticipation and purpose of each new day, Foster Grandparents tend to be happier and healthier.



In-services are held each month in Alpena and Gaylord to educate the FGP volunteers on their responsibilities and to update procedures. Guest speakers are utilized to broaden knowledge and skills. An annual recognition luncheon is held to celebrate the FGP volunteer years of community service.



NEMCSA's 65 Foster Grandparents provide volunteer services for approximately 250 - 350 school age children at 46 sites in the following ten counties in northeast Michigan: Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.