What is the Foster Grandparent Program?

Foster Grandparent program is a special program that enables men and women over the age of 55 to be able to provide encouragement to children, be a mentor, tutor, storyteller, and more. FG's serve 15-40 hours per week helping children achieve success academically, socially, and developmentally. They are classroom Grandparents, there to provide additional support for struggling students. This program is the Foster Grandparent Program which was established in 1965 by the Federal Government and is part of AmeriCorps. For volunteers who meet certain criteria, they may be able to receive an hourly stipend and assistance with the cost of transportation.

Activities FG's are asked to do:	Things FG's are NOT allowed to do:
Read to or with children	Excessive Paperwork
Work one-on-one with small groups	Discipline children (may redirect)
Talk with and listen to the children	Be used as a substitute or aide
Work on numeracy and math	Go into bathrooms with children
Help with classroom assignments	Leave the property with children
Play games, do crafts, and activities	Lift or move furniture or heavy objects
Observe during group time to learn	Work in the kitchen or clean

Qualifications to be Foster Grandparent?

Program Interview
Pass a background check including State and Federal finger printing
20 hours of training
Attend local in-service meeting

I am looking forward to this opportunity to benefit both volunteers and students. Please fill free to contact Maradee Peterson 435-893-0735 or email maradeep@sixcounty.com