

Navajo Department of Health, Division of Aging and Long Term Care Support, Foster Grandparent

Program (FGP)



NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, "NAVAJO ELDERLY
AWARENESS DAY"

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Overview:

Under the Division of Aging and Long Term Care Support, NDOH

Funding Source: AmeriCorps

Approved three-year Contract from July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2023

Awarded \$603,980 annually

General Fund is used as in-kind match

Provide 97,092 volunteer service hours

Recruit and maintain 93 volunteers

Six staff – One Senior Programs & Project Specialist and five Volunteer Service Coordinators



Purpose:

1. Enable persons age 55 and older to remain physically, mentally active and enhance their self-esteem through continued participation in needed community services.
2. enable children with either exceptional or special needs to achieve improved physical, mental, emotional, and social development, thereby assisting them in attaining greater independence in life.

How FGP benefits the elders

Meaningful activities for the elders

Tax-free Stipend, extra check for those whose income is below 200% of the federal poverty level

Increase knowledge and skills through in-service meeting

Increase socialization

Enjoy teaching our culture and language



Components of the FGP:

Sponsor (Navajo Nation Foster Grandparent Program)

Volunteers (Elders)

Stations (Schools)

Communities



Responsibilities for the Navajo Nation FGP:

Recruits potential Volunteers.

Conducts National Service Criminal History Checks.

Develops Volunteer Stations.

Provides Orientation to volunteers

Conducts monthly in-service meetings

Completes CNCS Initiatives: 911 Day of Service, MLK Day, National Leadership Recognition.

Responsibilities for the Navajo Nation FGP:

MOA with schools

Monitors the agency office

Provides cost reimbursement to the volunteers.

Maintains Advisory Council

Evaluation

Annual Volunteer Recognition

Program Reporting



Eligibility for Foster Grandparents:

55 years old and older.

Criminal background investigation.

Pass annual physical exam.

Income not to exceed 200% of Federal Poverty Level, to be paid a hourly stipend.

Agree to abide by AmeriCorps and School requirements .

Criminal Background Check

1. AmeriCorps Criminal Background Check
 - Truescreen, Inc. - National Sex Offenders Public Website and search of the statewide criminal history repository
 - Fieldprint, Inc. - A fingerprint-based FBI criminal history check.
2. School Criminal Background Check, which may include Navajo Nation Background.

Cost Reimbursement for Foster Grandparents:

Stipend - \$3.00 per hour

Mileage reimbursement - \$0.50 per mile

Excess Insurance (Liability, Medical, and Auto)

Limited Meals reimbursement

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Annual Recognition



Services provided by Foster Grandparents:

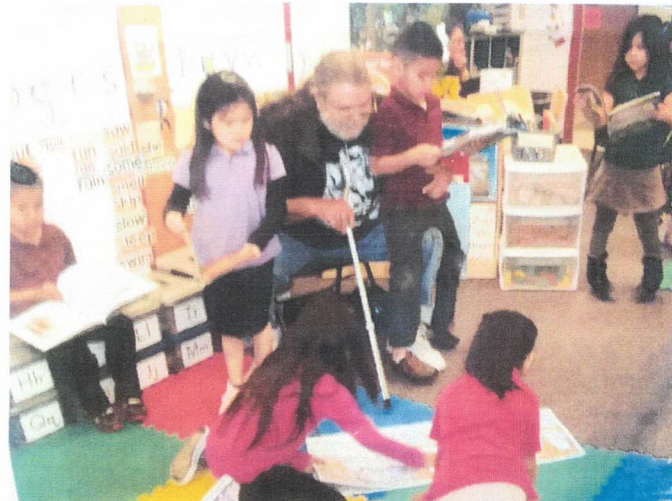
Tutoring and mentoring

Culture

1,044 service hours per year

Service a minimum of 3 hours per week.

Service a maximum of 7 hours per day or 35 hours per week.



Responsibilities for the Volunteer Stations (School):

Develop and manage Assignment Plans

Identify children that will benefit from the program

Supervise Foster Grandparents

May provide Meals and Transportation for Foster Grandparent

May assist with annual recognition

Keep records as required by FGP (Timesheet)

Evaluate program

Collaboration/Partnership:

1. Advisory Council
2. DALTCS
3. Family Caregiver Program
4. NN Programs & Chapters, Enterprises, etc.



Advocacy-National

Through communications with AmeriCorps Denver Region staff and through Listening Sessions, example is the policy of Gap in Service, where a volunteer is on break for over 120 and he/she must redo Criminal Background Check.

Issue- Temporary Allowance, for AmeriCorps and federal OMB to gain approval for projects to pay temporary allowances to volunteers.



Advocacy - Local

Thru FGP Advisory Council educating OPVP staff, and NN Council and Legislative Members.

Senior Centers

Outreach at the agency level

General Fund Budget Formulation



Summary:

FGP celebrated 57 years of existence, one of the civil rights bill that passed in 1965.

Navajo FGP is one of the original grantee.

Early FGP focused on Navajo Culture and Language

Today, FGP focus on tutoring and mentoring, and use National Performance Objective

Any Questions?



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