

## Presenting your FGP or SCP Project to the Community: Suggested Talking Points

Following are some suggested “talking points” to help you get started as you introduce your project to the community. Revise the language as you see fit for your audience, and include details about your own project and volunteer opportunity.

### Foster Grandparent Program

Foster Grandparents are volunteers, age 55 or over, who serve children 15 to 40 hours per week in schools, after-school programs, hospitals, juvenile correctional institutions, daycare facilities or Head Start centers.

Foster Grandparents support our youth in many ways, such as:

- Helping children learn traditional culture and native language
- Helping students achieve academic success
- Mentoring troubled or disadvantaged youth
- Caring for premature infants or children with disabilities

Foster Grandparents receive orientation and training, supplemental accident and liability insurance, and meals while on duty. They also receive a small tax-free hourly stipend if they meet certain income guidelines.

Add your own details, for example: *“We are looking for (#) volunteers to serve Foster Grandparents at (location) with (age) year olds. Our students need a little extra help with (give examples of activities, like reading and practicing their Native language). Please share your wisdom and kindness.”*

### Senior Companion Program

Senior Companions are volunteers, age 55 and over, who assist elders who have difficulty with daily living tasks, 15 to 40 hours per week, so they can remain living independently. Senior Companions also give family caregivers time off from their duties to run errands or see friends.

Senior Companions support our elders in many ways, including:

- Providing companionship and friendship
- Taking meals together
- Accompanying them to community events and gatherings
- Providing transportation to medical appointments

Senior Companions receive orientation and training, supplemental accident and liability insurance, and meals while on duty. They also receive a small tax-free hourly stipend if they meet certain income guidelines.

Add your own details, for example: *“We are looking for (#) of volunteers to serve as Senior Companions. Spend some quiet quality time with elders living alone; help with (give examples of activities, such as shopping and light meal preparation, and accompany them to social events). Please share your time and friendship.”*

## Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is the federal agency that supports Senior Corps, which includes the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program, as well as other national service programs including AmeriCorps.

CNCS supports the culture of service that has existed in Native American communities for generations by offering grants to tribal governments and organizations. Through Senior Corps, tribal grantees provide service in areas such as:

- Assistance to Elders
- Assistance to Children and Youth
- Assistance to Veterans and Military Families
- Cultural Preservation
- Traditional Language Preservation
- Education
- Health and Wellness
- Independent Living
- Respite Care

## CNCS Resources

Corporation for National and Community Service: [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)

Senior Corps outreach resources: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/sc-marketing-resources>

Senior Corps Week: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/senior-corps-week>

National Service blog: <http://nationalservice.tumblr.com/>

Tribal Leader Recognition Day resources: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/tribal-leader-recognition-day-national-service/tribal-leader-recognition-day>

CNCS tribal grants: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/communities/native-american-affairs>

Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs Tribal Portfolio Overview (2015): [http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Senior\\_Corp\\_Tribal\\_Portfolio\\_0.pdf](http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Senior_Corp_Tribal_Portfolio_0.pdf)

Overview of the Foster Grandparent Program: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/foster-grandparents>

Overview of the Senior Companion Program: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/senior-companions>