

**THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER  
AT GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Foster Grandparent Program**

Senior citizens aged 55 and over may apply to volunteer in the Early Learning Center at Gateway Community College through the Agency on Aging's [Foster Grandparent Program](#) (FGP).

The Foster Grandparent Program recruits and enrolls volunteers who must meet federal guidelines for participation in FGP. All volunteers are subject to background checks, finger prints and sex offender checks as part of the application process.

The Foster Grandparent Program includes:

- 20 hours of orientation prior to placement
- Review of the volunteer handbook along with the list of "do's and don'ts"
- Placement referrals
- Monthly in-service training
- Periodic review for safety and health conditions

Once volunteers are assigned to the Early Learning Center (ELC) at Gateway Community College, the volunteer will participate in a pre-placement interview with ELC staff prior to final placement. Once placed, the volunteer Foster Grandparent will receive a plan and description of their duties and responsibilities and other support information.

To apply to the Foster Grandparent Program, contact the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut at (203) 785-8533 or use their contact form by clicking [here](#).