**Eastern Oregon Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Program**

**Seeks persons 55+ to help students in school learn to read,**

**or help seniors remain independent.**

**Receive a stipend of up to $450 month tax free.**

    

**Foster Grandparents:**

* Become a mentor to kids.
* Help struggling readers at school.

**Senior Companions:**

* Make friendly visits to lonely seniors.
* Give a caregiver a break by providing respite care for them.

**Benefits include:**

* Tax-free stipend: Volunteers receive a stipend (cash) of $2.65 for each hour given. Stipend does not count as income for any purpose.
* Mileage reimbursement, insurance coverage while serving, orientation, training, and monthly in-service meetings.

**To qualify:**

* You must be at least 55 years old.
* You must meet income guidelines –
	+ - 1 person household -- $1962 per month (or less).
		- 2 person household -- $2640 per month (or less).
		- We can adjust income guidelines for high medical, dental, or health insurance costs.
* You must be in good health – we provide Doctor exam.
* You must be able to pass a background check.
* You should enjoy helping others.

Call **541-276-4474** (Pendleton) or **1-800-541-5116**.

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