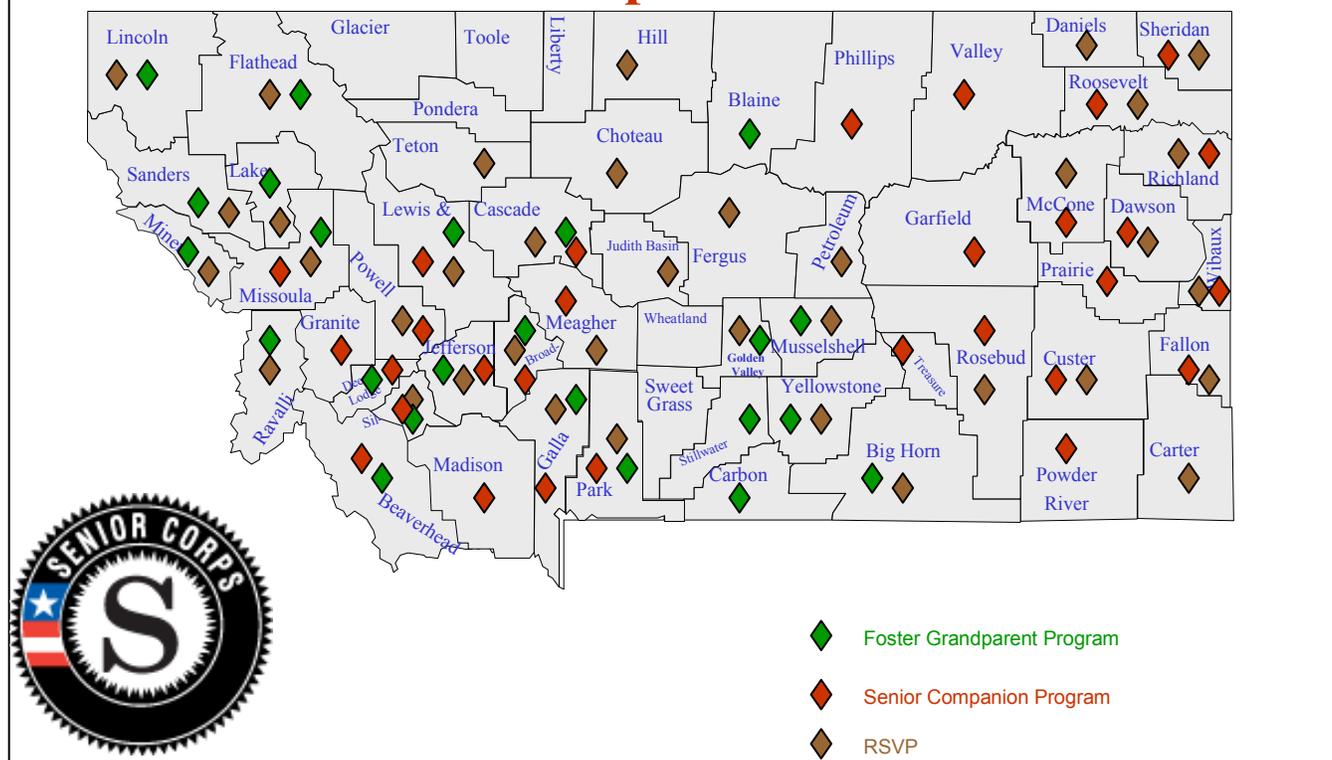


Senior Corps in Montana



Senior Corps is America's largest volunteer network for people 55 and older. There are 23 Senior Corps Programs in Montana:

Senior Companions make independence a reality. By sharing their time, experience, and compassion they help seniors and other adults with mobility and self-care limitations to continue to live as independently as possible.

Foster Grandparents give the kind of comfort and love that set a child on the path toward a successful future. They are a role model, a mentor, and a friend to children in Head Start, schools, non-profit day cares, and other youth facilities.

RSVP volunteers share their lifetime of experience by tackling critical needs in our communities. RSVP is America's largest volunteer network for people 55 and older.

Snapshot: In just the last year, over 6,600 Senior Corps volunteers served in Montana:

- Three Senior Companion Programs with 205 Senior Companions served 192,077 hours in 31 counties and the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.
- Five Foster Grandparent Programs with 303 Foster Grandparents served 280,540 hours in 23 counties, as well as the Fort Belknap, Crow, Northern Cheyenne, and Flathead Indian Reservation.
- Fifteen RSVP Programs with 6,105 volunteers served 1,057,438 hours in 34 counties, as well as the Fort Belknap, Northern Cheyenne, and Flathead Indian Reservations.

Montana Senior Corps



SENIOR COMPANIONS helped 987 at-risk individuals. Of those, 759 or 77% remained independent and in their own home.

The Montana State Median Annual Nursing Home Care Costs in 2010: \$67,832 – Private*, \$62,634 – Semi Private*. If those 759 individuals were not able to live at home with the help of a Senior Companion – 759 x \$62,634 = **\$47,539,206.00**

*According to Genworth Financial – State comparison Report www.genworth.com



Foster Grandparents mentored and tutored **3,119** school-age students that had been identified as at-risk and below their appropriate level of reading and/or math skills. By the yearend, **85%** were at appropriate level. **786** children in Head Start or non-profit daycares that were tested at below their appropriate level of pre-literacy and/or social skills. By yearend, **73%** were at appropriate level.



RSVP volunteers serve with a wide variety of non-profit organizations and agencies, addressing the critical needs in their communities. Some of examples of the priority needs include:

- In **Education**, across the State last year volunteers mentored, tutored, and provided other support activities for **35,154** children in schools, after-school programs, and other youth organizations.
- To ensure **Healthy Futures**, volunteers provided **649,605** congregate and home-delivered meals to **10,199** seniors. Of these at-risk seniors, **7,572 or 74%** remained independent in their own homes. Volunteers distributed **346,118 lbs.** of food to low-income and seniors through Commodity programs.
- In **Disaster Preparedness**, **234** volunteers were trained and are training other community volunteers in Great Falls and Butte to participate in Neighborhood Watch/Meth Watch houses. Of the many impacts shown by law enforcement officials, a tip from one volunteer resulted in a drug bust and **over \$200,000 in illegal drugs**. Richland/McCone and Miles City RSVP have **180** volunteers trained in CERT and Mapping Your Neighborhood, ready to assist their communities in the event of a disaster. As part of their on-going training, volunteers helped with mass flu immunization clinics. In Missoula alone, **20,000 were immunized**.
- In **Clean Energy**, Great Falls RSVP volunteers collect and transport cardboard for recycling. In the last year, the amount of waste entering the landfill was reduced by **167,013 lbs.** as a result of their efforts. RSVP volunteers Carrol & Betty Risinger in Sidney helped with the annual E-Waste Event which resulted in **3,447 lbs of lead, .85 lbs of Mercury, and 6,719 lbs of Plastic** that did not enter the landfill.
- In **Economic Opportunity**, 8 volunteers in Billings worked with the Billings Metro VISTA Project and the City of Billings to develop a **Workplace Mentor Guide** which will be used to support homeless individuals as they gain employment. RSVP volunteers in Fergus and Musselshell Counties assisted and prepared **264 Federal and 188 State Income Tax returns** which resulted in refunds of **\$129,452 for seniors and low-income individuals**.