

# Grandmothers Are Fat, 42, and Are Good Cooks

WHAT IS GRANDMOTHER?

This is a question asked of youngsters at the Dr. Patrick J. O'Rourke Children's Center who have Foster Grandparents assigned to them through one of the programs operated by the Warwick (Rhode Island) Community Action, Inc.

Here are some of the answers:

ANTHONY—"They put you to bed and say good night and say your prayers."

DEBRA—"Grandmothers are people. You have fun with them and run around a lot. They make you be good so you won't bug everybody else."

RICKY—"They take care of you, cook good things to eat, like children. Lots of times they take you out someplace. They drink tea and mothers drink coffee. They are slower than mothers, but they are good."

RUSSELL—"Grandmothers are fat ladies. They are nice and they hug you. They are 42 years old. They take care of you when your mother can't. They have big children, but they like you best of all. They make you laugh."

Foster Grandparents is a Community Action Program that trains men and women 60 years of age and over to work as substitute parents for institutionalized, neglected and deprived children.