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SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

Providing job training and placement for individuals age 55 or older with limited financial resources and to provide employers with trained, motivated workers.



SCSEP Newsletter

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Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP Wishes You a Happy Fiscal New Year!



The month of July marks the beginning of our fiscal “New Year,” and Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP finished the last year on a very strong note. Our program ended the year with 27 Unsubsidized Employments, (or “Ding, Ding, Dings”) meeting the goal established by SSAI and the Department of Labor.

Additionally, we currently have nearly 80 participants on our active roster in the 11 counties we service.

“This program delivers a triple win for older adults and the whole community,” said Gary Huelsmann,

Caritas CEO. He continued, “First, SCSEP participants are helping more than 40 local community, faith-based, and public agencies carry out their mission. Second, older workers are receiving on-the-job training to enhance their skills. And third, older workers are keeping healthy by remaining connected and not isolated in their community.”



“2018-19 was a good program year. And, many low-income older adults still want and need paid work,” says Donna Satterthwaite, Senior Service America, Director of Workforce Development. “By serving their community, older workers receive

renewed skills as well as renewed hope, knowing that they are not forgotten. Older Illinoisans are fortunate to be given the opportunity through SCSEP and the dedicated staff of Caritas Family Solutions.”

For more information about SCSEP, contact 618-688-1180.

From the Manager’s Desk

Participant Staff members are SCSEP enrollees who are assigned to the Project Office as their training assignment.

Our program is able to bring on credentialed staff who can provide skilled case management and job development services. The needs of our program come first, so we try to pick the best!

The program results show we did a great job this fiscal year, and we couldn’t have done it without our participant staff.

I would like to acknowledge our team that includes: *Betty Gengler, Susan Jones, Lucretia Lewis, Delores Young, Sharon Dumas, William Tintera, Kathie Gluck, Donna Stacker, Denise Coleman, and Velda Peals.*

We thank you for your effort and hard work!

Gary D. Woods
SCSEP Program Mgr.



McDonald’s Partnering with AARP to Hire People Age 55+



Senior citizens are joining the job force in record numbers, and McDonald’s wants to help them get to work. The pilot program, in conjunction with AARP, aims to match both candidate and employer job needs throughout the hiring process, and will first kickoff in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and North Carolina, then roll out nationwide.

In Litchfield, one of our participants, Robert Lindsey, has taken advantage of this opportunity, and joined the “Mickey D’s” team. Ding, Ding, Ding! Mr. Lindsey is a Crew Member, and said he is thankful to get the opportunity to work with McDonald’s. “I’ve always enjoyed the food, but didn’t think that I would ever work here. I like the employees, and being a part of the team,” Lindsey said.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) estimates that by 2024, nearly 25 percent of the workforce will be made up of those 55-and-older — about 41 million Americans in total. This age group was ranked as the fastest growing category of workers, even above those joining the workforce for the first time.

Whether seniors want to work because they love it or because they have to, McDonald’s is ready for new applicants.

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