

Welcome to Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Our Mission

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

Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP is operated under a USDOL grant and in cooperation with The Center for Workforce Inclusion, Inc. SCSEP is funded by a \$45.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. This funding provides 90% of the support for SCSEP with The Center providing 10% match or \$5 million. The SCSEP Program is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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From the Manager



Most people think New Year's resolutions are corny, cliché promises or goals that never

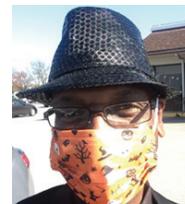
really end up happening in the New Year. But, it doesn't hurt to try!

Consider setting smaller, realistic goals that you can work up to and stick with; so you can enter the New Year feeling healthier, happier, recharged, or whatever your goal may be.

Try something new. This doesn't have to be as "big" as a bucket list item. Consider trying or learning a new skill, or taking a course from a local community college.

And make sure to take some time today, tomorrow, and every day to tell

those you love that you care about them! Mask Up...Stay Safe!



Gary D. Woods
SCSEP Program Manager



Caritas Family Solutions SCSEP Initiates Job Readiness Training Class

Caritas SCSEP and the Center for Workforce Inclusion (formerly SSAI) realizes that a majority of our SCSEP participants have very limited computer skills, which makes employment seeking very difficult. The COVID-19 pandemic has created a situation which has made training difficult.

Recognizing this dilemma, the Center for Workforce Inclusion partnered with Associates for Training & Development (A4TD) to develop a curriculum for SCSEP participants to assist them with their efforts to rejoin the workforce; with participants starting the program this month.

"In an effort to keep our program participants engaged, we are offering a training handbook that provides 20 hours per week of training for participants for 10 weeks, or 4 hours per day 5 days a week,"



says Christine Garland, Vice-President Workforce Development for the Center for Workforce Inclusion.

Garland continued, "We are glad to offer this option, which will help our participants keep moving forward towards job readiness even when training at the host agency assignment is not possible."

The workbook provides a temporary solution until computer-based training is accessible for all program participants.

Caritas SCSEP has been providing computer training through their Computer Tablet Training for Seniors (CTT4S) since the DOL placed the program on Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) in March '20.

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

Caritas SCSEP Conducts its' End of Year Program Celebration

On Wednesday, December 16, 2020 Caritas SCSEP held its' annual End of Year Program in celebration of 2020 via Zoom due to pandemic restrictions.

Special recognition was given to 5 outstanding Host Agencies that assisted some of our participants with obtaining unsubsidized employment; and 12 participants who secured jobs during 2020. Ding, Ding, Ding!

Host Agencies and businesses that were recognized included: St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Madison County Urban League Inc., Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, Carrollton Public Library, and West Central Development Council, Inc. "The Carlinville Job Center."



This year's theme "Embrace & Ace the Change" via Zoom had over 70 participants, host agency supervisors, and invited guests attending. Lunch was provided by Murray's Catering, and entertainment by DJDC.

January Birthdays

Brenda James,
Constance Davis,
Berk Cunningham,
and Walter Morgan



Employed One Year

Velda Peals

New Employment

Catherine Lewis and David Todd