



SCSEP Newsletter

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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's Desk



September is "International Update Your Resumé" Month, and we mark

our calendars to remind us to freshen them up with all our latest skills and achievements.

Whether you are currently pounding the pavement or are seeking advancement beyond your current position, polishing your resumé with your most recent accomplishments and

acquired knowledge will keep talent seekers aware of your abilities.

Avoid the anxiety when opportunity knocks and you realize that your resumé needs major updating. Recalling years of achievement is much more difficult than an annual updating.



Gary D. Woods
SCSEP Program
Manager



Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Remote Work Training-Revisited



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, “business as usual,” may never look the same. And, as more seniors are becoming computer savvy, remote work opportunities are becoming more popular and mainstream. Companies do not have to provide a physical workspace and employees have no commute and no need to spend money on proper work attire; overhead is lower for the employer and the employee.

Two years ago The Center for Workforce Inclusion announced that the Department of Labor, in an effort to maintain safety during the pandemic, and continue to provide opportunities for SCSEP participants, decided that “Remote Work” was an option that would be afforded for SCSEP.



Caritas SCSEP saw this as a perfect situation for our

55+ population for building pathways to employment for our low-income, older job seekers; while serving our community and business partner’s needs...and it is still being utilized.

Remote Work Training opportunities may include:



- Schedule appointments;
- Place calls to clients; Enter data;
- Assist with paperwork; Contact Tracer (Health Dept.); Identify jobs for other participants; Verify information, etc.

This continues to be a great time to offer new training opportunities to assist with our host agencies’ objectives with new Community Service Assignment (CSA) opportunities; and meet our participants’ goals, including gaining a new training skillset.

For more information, please contact 618-688-1180.

Department of Labor Celebrates National Employ Older Workers Week (NEOWW)



The last full week of September has been named National Employ Older Workers Week. Even in the midst of the pandemic, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, by the end of this year, workers older than 55 will make up almost a quarter of the U.S. labor force. As our population ages, older employees will fill an increasingly important position in our economy and our leadership in the world marketplace.

During these times, older, low-income workers have a different set of challenges to overcome; and our participants have been able to develop new skills such as meeting on-line and remote training that prepares them to be more marketable to today’s employers. The SCSEP program promotes useful part-time (at minimum wage) training opportunities in

community service activities for unemployed low-income persons...who are actively looking for employment.

September Birthdays

Versie Ruffin and JoAnne Johnson-Hill

New Employment

Willie Liesman, Robbie Dabney, and Brenda Ogary

Employed One Year

Betty Gengler, Constance Davis, and William Tintera

