



Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Mission - The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a community service and work-based job training program for older Americans. Authorized by the Older Americans Act, and funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, the program provides training for low-income, unemployed seniors. Participants also have access to employment assistance through American Job Centers.

SCSEP participants gain work experience in a variety of community service activities at non-profit and public facilities, including schools, hospitals, day-care centers, and senior centers. The program provides over 40 million community service hours to public and non-profit agencies, allowing them to enhance and provide needed services. Participants work an average of 20 hours a week, and are paid the highest of federal, state or local minimum wage. This training serves as a bridge to unsubsidized employment opportunities for participants. Participants can remain in the program for 48 months in a lifetime.

Participant Eligibility – The program is for Pennsylvania residents, ages 55 or older, who are unemployed, and have income at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

Nine Area Agencies on Aging and one contractor administer the program in Pennsylvania.

SCSEP Sub Grantee	Phone Number
Greater Erie Community Action Program	814-459-4581
AAA of Westmoreland County	724-830-4444
Southwestern PA AAA- Washington-Fayette/Greene	724-489-8080
Lycoming/Clinton Bi-County Office of Aging	570-323-3096 or 570-323-3096
Lancaster Office of Aging	717-299-7979
Philadelphia Corporation on Aging	215-765-9000
Lehigh County AAA	610-782-3034
Northampton County AAA	610-829-4540
Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau of Aging	570-822-1158
AARP	

Services for the Business Community – On-the Job-Experience (OJE) can provide trial employment for a participant to be considered for a permanent job with the OJE provider/employer. During the OJE employers may receive up to 100% reimbursement of the participant’s wages.