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PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT  
SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

**Senior Community Service Employment Program**

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a Federal and State-funded program. SCSEP is funded through the U.S. Department of Labor and is a program of the Department of Rehabilitative Services – State Unit on Aging. SCSEP provides seniors who were once in the workforce with an opportunity to return to the workforce and also provides seniors who have had difficulties entering the workforce the opportunity to gain skills that will essentially assist them in finding permanent employment.

Since 1968, the SCSEP has provided community service work training through Title V of the Older Americans Act. In Fairfield County the SCSEP is administered by two agencies: the Jewish Family Services and The WorkPlace.

Seniors (age 55 or older) have the opportunity to train an average of 18-20 hours per week in a community service agency (host agency). There is no time limit for host agency placement. During this time, the senior will develop and enhance skills while receiving on the job training. The goal is that after the assignment at the host agency, the trainee will gain permanent, unsubsidized employment at either the host agency or another employer.

Host agencies are non-profit or government agencies that can provide on the job training and opportunities for learning to SCSEP participants. During SCSEP enrollment participants are paid through the Title V Program; the host agency is not responsible to pay any wages to the participant.

Participant eligibility requirements for the program are as follows:

- Age 55 or older
- Have limited income of no more than \$1,264 per month for a single person and no more than \$1,714 per month for a married couple
- Is unemployed and not considered job ready

To apply for the program or to become a host agency, please contact:

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