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## **Employment Program Helps Seniors Gain Skills**

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) provides part-time work experience and training opportunities to residents 55 years or older through the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).

“Participants have developed and enhanced their skills by participating in training assignments offered through host agencies,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman.

To be eligible, applicants must be a South Dakota resident, have an annual income at or below \$14,850 per year for a family of one and be currently unemployed. Non-profit and government agencies and community-based organizations can partner with DLR to receive subsidized part-time assistance.

“Employers are increasingly recognizing older workers have strong work ethic, high productivity, extensive life and work experience, low absenteeism and low turnover rates,” said Secretary Hultman. “This is a great program to take advantage of those characteristics, and at the same time, teach skills to be successful in the long-term.”

SCSEP is funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act and is administered by DLR. Organizations interested in participating or learning more should contact a [DLR local office](#) or call 605-773-4212.