

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER

Many older adults continue to work past retirement. Currently, the average life expectancy for those who reach age 65 in the United States is 84. If you consider taking early retirement as allowed by Social Security at age 62, will you have the financial resources to support yourself? Will you feel actively engaged in your life?

Why keep Working?

- ✓ Almost half of homeowners over age 62 have a mortgage
- ✓ Many have not successfully saved enough to maintain their same lifestyle
- ✓ Waiting to take Social Security until age 70 can boost those earnings significantly
- ✓ Some retirees suffer Depression resulting from the lack of routine and purpose once they stop working
- ✓ Work prevents isolation and can provide socialization
- ✓ Working can keep you mentally and physically healthy
- ✓ If a person begins collecting retirement income, they may have the option to begin a new career based on interest rather than income

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)

2525 Cabot Drive

Lisle, IL 60532

1-800-244-5631

1-866-322-8357 (TTY)

www.ides.illinois.gov

IDES have a three-fold mission:

- 1) Collects and analyzes employment and unemployment data, occupational and wage statistics to assist in development of public policy
- 2) Administers and monitors Unemployment Insurance benefits
- 3) Provides employment services to all Illinoisans by:
 - ✓ Utilizing technology and coordinated efforts within a statewide network of employment centers
 - ✓ Performing outreach efforts to link employers with job seekers
 - ✓ Using special services geared to address the needs of older workers and Veterans

WorkNet DuPage Career Center

2525 Cabot Drive, Suite 302

Lisle, IL 60532

(630) 955-2030

(630) 955-2098 (TDD)

www.worknetdupage.org



A partnership of DuPage County Workforce Development Division, College of DuPage, Illinois Dept. of Employment Security, Parents Alliance Employment Project, National Able Network and the Illinois Dept. of Human Services (DHS) and Division of Rehab Services (DRS) striving to help people get back to work. Services include:

- ✓ Job Search Resource Room with internet access, fax and job search resources
- ✓ Workshops such as Job Search Boot Camp, Job Search Strategies, etc.
- ✓ Job Club
- ✓ Career Assessment
- ✓ Occupational Training Grants
- ✓ Youth Services including paid internships and training scholarships

Senior Community Service Employment Program

Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging

245 W. Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 6, Suite 41

West Chicago, IL 60185

(630) 293-5990

www.ageguide.org

The Senior Community Service Employment Program is a federally funded employment program designed to assist the mature worker (age 55+) in re-entering the job market. It operates under a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. Participants build skills and self-confidence working part-time for community service organizations.

Why Volunteer?

- ✓ Can offer the opportunity to remain active and engaged
- ✓ Allows retirees to utilize and contribute the skills they have gained over a lifetime
- ✓ Assist churches, schools, hospitals, nursing facilities and other service agencies that rely on volunteers who give their time and share their expertise

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DuPage County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 407-6500

This program provides advocacy for residents of long term care facilities. Volunteers visit local long term care facilities residents, to provide advocacy for resident rights.

DuPage County Money Management Program

421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 407-6500

Volunteers are trained and supervised to assist seniors having difficulty managing their money. This is a component of the Community Care Program and the Adult Protective Services Program. Volunteers will help organize papers, establish a budget, pay bills and balance a checkbook.

DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC)

1990 Springer Drive, Lombard, IL 60148

(630) 620-0804

www.dupageseniorcouncil.org

Volunteer opportunities are available to deliver meals to the homebound elderly, assist at Senior Dining Centers, and help with other activities that benefit older adults.

Giving DuPage

421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 407-6458www.givingdupage.org

Giving DuPage is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote giving and volunteering in DuPage County. They host a Volunteer Portal website, featuring volunteer opportunities for over 400 local nonprofit organizations, all searchable by cause, skills or geography. Giving DuPage also publishes the DuPage Giving Guide, a printed version of the same volunteer opportunities listed at the Volunteer Portal website.

**Metropolitan Family Service
In-Home Senior Respite Program**

222 E. Willow Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 784-4800www.metrofamily.org

Volunteers are recruited, trained and supervised to offer respite to family caregivers and companionship for the care recipient. Volunteers typically provide three hours of respite, and do not perform any medical or professional services.

**Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
Illinois Department on Aging**

One Natural Resources Way, Suite 100

Springfield, IL 62702-1271

(800) 252-8966Email: aging.ship@illinois.govwww.illinois.gov/aging/ship

Staff and volunteer counselors are trained to educate consumers about Medicare, Medicare advantage plans, prescriptions plans, supplement plans, Medicaid and other senior health insurance options. They can also assist in filing Medicare claims and help investigate disputes. Counselors must be affiliated with a sponsoring organization. These sponsors provide office space and support services. SHIP counselors do NOT sell or solicit any type of insurance.