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Public comments sought on employment program for low-income older adults

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division is accepting public comments on the draft Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) four-year state plan for 2016-2020. The comprehensive plan will guide the strategic and ongoing operations of the federally-funded work training and placement program for eligible unemployed, low-income individuals age 55 and older.

Participants in the Senior Community Service Employment Program gain work experience in a variety of employment settings and receive career planning, skills training, and other supportive services that promote self-sufficiency.

The department will accept comments until 5 p.m. Central Time on Thursday, April 28, 2016. Comments can be submitted to the North Dakota Department of Human Services - Aging Services Division, Attn: Sheryl Pfliger, at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 6, Bismarck, N.D., 58501, dhsaging@nd.gov, 701-328-4601, toll-free 855-468-5465, or Relay North Dakota TTY 800-366-6888 or 711.

The draft Senior Community Service Employment Program state plan is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/. Department staff will also provide copies upon request.

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