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Department of Aging Recognizes Employ Older Workers Week

Secretary of Aging honors older workers and their employers

Philadelphia – Secretary of Aging Brian Duke today joined the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) and members of the Mature Workers Task Force to honor older workers and their employers at a recognition breakfast held at the Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall in Philadelphia.

Duke presented a proclamation on behalf of Governor Tom Corbett recognizing September 23-29 as Employ Older Workers Week in Pennsylvania.

"I applaud the Mature Workers Task Force and their commitment to programs such as the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) that help older Pennsylvanians obtain the necessary skills to secure employment," said Duke. "Last year, through SCSEP, local partners such as PCA helped 89 older adults find employment in Philadelphia."

The Mature Workers Task Force is a coalition of non-profit organizations, coordinated by PCA that advocates on behalf of older workers. It also offers employment and training services.

The SCSEP, which is administered through area agencies on aging and nine national non-profit organizations in Philadelphia, provides part-time training opportunities for unemployed individuals ages 55 and older who meet income eligibility requirements. The program assigns individuals to work in non-profit organizations and receive hands on training to build experience for employment opportunities.

For more information on the Senior Community Services Employment Program, visit: www.aging.state.us.

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Editor's note: Mature Workers Task Force members are listed below:

Asociacion Nacional Pro Personas Mayores
Career Solutions for 55+/Jewish Employment and Vocational Service
Mayor's Commission on Aging
National Asian Pacific Center on Aging
National Caucus and Center on Black Aged
Philadelphia Corporation for Aging

Philadelphia Works, Inc.
Team Pennsylvania CareerLink
United States Department of Labor

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