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Mature Services offering free job training for older adults

WEST AKRON — Due to an increase in job placements, Mature Services Inc. now has 65 openings in its paid job training program for qualified individuals ages 55 and older, agency officials announced.

According to the 2012 Ohio Job Outlook: Employment Projections, “Overall, the number of jobs for Ohioans is expected to increase by approximately 455,000 jobs, an increase of 8.3 percent.” Mature Services’ Employment & Training Solutions can attest to that trend, agency officials said.

“The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is designed to provide an opportunity for older adults to engage in on-the-job training to update skills, or in some cases, develop new career paths,” said Caroline Barborak, project director for the Akron regional office.

Participants register with the program and meet with the project director to determine their career goals, and then they are assigned to a local nonprofit or government office, where they will provide community services while enhancing their skills, according to agency officials.

“The SCSEP program helps mature workers to re-establish themselves and be viable candidates for today’s job market,” said Paul Magnus, vice president for workforce development at Mature Services.

SCSEP also benefits employers by providing well-trained workers who are known to have the strongest work ethic and lowest turnover rates, agency officials said.

Mature workers seeking employment who would like to participate in SCSEP should contact Barborak by calling 330-762-8666, ext. 176, or visiting Mature Services Inc. at 415 S. Portage Path.