



SCSEP HOST AGENCY AGREEMENT

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 County Polk

Name of Host Agency <u>Polk County</u>		Host Agency Type <u>COUNTY</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3)	
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A. PURPOSE: Host Agency and Experience Works enter into this Agreement for the purpose of joint engagement in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), in order to provide public benefit by providing training and work experience for SCSEP participant(s) while at the same time performing valuable community services. Host Agency agrees to provide meaningful work experience and training to participant(s) in exchange for federally subsidized hours of participant(s) assigned to Host Agency by Experience Works for community service. Host Agency agrees to support SCSEP objectives by actively providing training, supporting older workers, and, if possible, hiring participant(s) in permanent employment position(s). Host Agency has no right to participant assignment and Experience Works may reassign participant(s) and/or participant position(s) at any time in accordance with SCSEP rules, regulations, and policies.

B. HOST AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES: Host Agency agrees to:

- 1. Training Assignment:** Provide community service assignments for participant(s) commensurate with his/her abilities and skills, in accordance with participant(s) Training Assignment(s). Assist Experience Works in developing Training Assignment(s) for participant(s), which shall be attached and incorporated herein, and shall contain a description of assignment, duties and responsibilities, and training schedule, including hours per week, timeline and anticipated completion date. Immediately report and coordinate any changes in training duties or responsibilities with Experience Works and assist in amending Training Assignment(s) accordingly. All Training Assignments must be approved and authorized by Experience Works before performance by participant(s).
- 2. Schedule and Authorized Hours:** Assure participant schedule(s) complies with number of hours specified in participant Training Assignment and that participant(s) is permitted to train twenty (20) hours per week, unless more or less hours are authorized in advance by Experience Works. Host Agency shall not permit participant(s) to perform community service for any hours not in accordance with those expressly authorized by Experience Works or to volunteer hours. In the event that participant performs community service in excess of authorized hours, or permits participant to return to community service training assignment after being on Leave Without Pay (LOWP) for more than thirty (30) days without prior authorization from Experience Works, Host Agency shall compensate participant(s) for such time. In addition, Host Agency understands that in order to be eligible for SCSEP, participant(s) must be unemployed; therefore, Host Agency agrees and shall not maintain participant(s) on its payroll except upon permanent employment. Host Agency agrees to release Experience Works from liability for all wages, conduct, occurrences, or injuries occurring outside of authorized participant schedule(s) or scope of Training Assignment.
- 3. Supervision and Training / Performance Evaluations:** Provide participant(s) with orientation, day-to-day direct supervision, instruction, and training at no cost to Experience Works (other than for subsidized hours performed by participant(s)). Follow policies, procedures, and practices established by Experience Works for the operation of SCSEP, including those in SCSEP Calendar Handbook. Meet with Experience Works representatives at least annually to discuss participant(s) performance and Host Agency responsibilities. Immediately report participant performance problems, failure to follow training schedule, absence without leave (AWOL), and any other like matters. Immediately notify Experience Works of change of Host Agency participant supervisor. Host Agency Supervision hours reported as SCSEP In-kind Contributions cannot be used as a match for other federal programs.
- 4. Time and Attendance Reports:** Accurately record and report actual time and attendance of participant(s). Verify participant(s) time in training by signing participant time sheet(s) in ink and timely submit to Experience Works. Participant(s) and Host Agency supervisor must initial corrections to time sheets. Host Agency understands that inaccurate time and attendance reports may be a violation of False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §3729.
- 5. Reports:** Report on a bi-weekly basis on participant time sheets a true and accurate statement of hours of participant supervision or other costs contributed to SCSEP by Host Agency. Host Agency understands that inaccurate supervision or contribution reports may be a violation of False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §3729. When requested, appropriate or necessary, report participant performance, training progress, and community service accomplishments. Immediately report participant requests for disability accommodation, any complaints of discrimination, and accidents.
- 6. Equipment and Supplies:** Furnish any tools, equipment, supplies, and safety training and equipment, and preparation and training required to perform participant's assignment with the Host Agency at no cost to Experience Works.
- 7. Health Screening / Supportive Services:** Assist in securing an annual health screening for participant(s), at reduced or no cost, if requested by participant(s). Assist in furnishing supportive services to participant(s) as needed to carry out their community service training assignment.
- 8. Safe Training Site / Accidents:** Provide participant(s) with training site that is safe, healthful, free of drugs and alcohol, and follow all laws governing workplace safety. Immediately report all assignment-related accidents by contacting Experience Works within 24 hours, completing a supervisor's accident report, and providing all requested follow-up.
- 9. Experience Works Training / Participant Job Search Activities:** Permit participant(s) to attend meetings and training required or provided by Experience Works. If consistent with Host Agency policy, assist with transportation or travel reimbursement for participant(s). Host Agency shall endeavor to attend Experience Works training sessions. Support participant(s) job search activities by permitting leave for interviews, providing referrals, references, and, if possible, job offers.

C. NONDISCRIMINATION: Host Agency shall comply with all Federal and state nondiscrimination laws and shall not subject participant(s) to discrimination based on age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, veteran status, political affiliation, or any other basis prohibited by law. Host Agency shall make any accommodations required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101, and adhere to confidentiality requirements of the Act. This provision is not intended to create third party beneficiaries or confer contractual rights on any third party.




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- D. **INSURANCE:** If participant duties include driving, Host Agency shall maintain automobile liability insurance in the amount of at least \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per accident for bodily injury, and \$25,000 per accident for property damage (or a combined single limit of at least \$300,000) and name Experience Works and the participant(s) as an additional insured while engaged in the performance of their training assignments. Applicable statutes will govern the limits of liability for Federal, state, and local government Host Agencies.
- E. **PRIVACY ACT:** All participant(s) records are subject to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, and neither party shall release records without written release signed by participant(s) or otherwise in accordance with law.
- F. **RECORDS RETENTION AND ACCESS:** Host Agency shall maintain all records, including original or copies of participant(s) time sheets, relating to this Agreement for a period of four years. Host Agency shall retain original participant(s) time sheets if faxed to Experience Works for payment. Experience Works or the U.S. Dept. of Labor, through any authorized representative, shall have access to and the right to examine all records related to this Agreement.
- G. **MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT / NEPOTISM / POLITICAL PATRONAGE AND ACTIVITIES:** Assignment of participant(s) shall not displace existing workers or decrease existing contracts for services, including partial displacement by reducing hours or employment benefits, laying off, or requiring participant(s) to perform work of persons on layoff, or result in substituting federal funds for other funds in connection with work that would otherwise be performed. Participant(s) shall not be assigned to a Host Agency where a member of participant's family is engaged in a decision-making capacity, whether paid or unpaid, at the Host Agency. Host Agency shall not favor or discriminate against a participant(s) based on political affiliation. Participant(s) shall not be permitted to engage in partisan or non-partisan political activities during training assignment hours.
- H. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY/HOLD HARMLESS:** Experience Works does not conduct criminal background checks on participants, nor does it agree to indemnify or accept any responsibility or liability therefore. Host Agency agrees that Experience Works evaluation and assessment of participants are not designed to ascertain criminal background information. Host Agency is solely responsible for investigating participant background and payment of any associated cost. If participant(s) is/are permitted by Host Agency to handle cash, negotiable instruments or securities, or other valuables as part of the Training Assignment duties, Host Agency shall hold Experience Works harmless from any claims for lost of cash, negotiable instruments or securities, or other valuables. Host Agency agrees to hold Experience Works harmless from any liability resulting from the conduct of Host Agency employees and representatives and for any acts or omissions arising out of supervision or training of participant(s). Applicable statutes will govern the limits of liability for Federal, state, and local government agencies.
- I. **TERMINATION:** Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason upon notification to the other party.
- J. **AMENDMENT:** Any amendment, modification, or addendum to this Agreement, including changes or modifications to Training Assignment(s), must be made by mutual consent of the parties, in writing, signed and dated by both parties, prior to assignment of participant(s) to Host Agency or any changes being performed.

My signature acknowledges that I have received orientation.

HOST AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME AND TITLE John P. Thompson, Polk County Judge	SIGNATURE 	DATE 9/11/07
EXPERIENCE WORKS REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME AND TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE