

# Operation A.B.L.E. Expands Reach of Popular Employment Program for Seniors

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## Residents of NH and Most of Central and Eastern Mass Now Eligible



**(Boston)** - Operation A.B.L.E. (Ability Based on Long Experience) today announced its Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) has been expanded to include New Hampshire and additional portions of Massachusetts.

"Workers 55 or older and out of work often find they need help getting up to speed on the latest job search techniques, sprucing up their office skills while earning an income," said Joan Cirillo, President and CEO of Operation A.B.L.E. "The Federal SCSEP recognizes that older workers tend to be unemployed longer than average and need training opportunities to become competitive in the marketplace."

The program helps unemployed job seekers, who meet certain income and age requirements, work towards permanent employment by providing training and work experience with local non-profits and government agencies. Participants receive training and job seeking advice while earning income by working up to 20 hours per week in an environment that helps improve existing skills. SCSEP is funded through a grant from the Federal Department of Labor.

"SCSEP has been a very popular program here at ABLE. For more than a decade we have helped thousands of older workers find employment in the Greater Boston and Worcester area," Cirillo said. "Now the Federal Department of Labor has expanded our responsibility to include all of the State of New Hampshire and Massachusetts counties of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk."

As of February 1, 2017, residents of New Hampshire can apply to become a SCSEP participant by contacting ABLE's satellite offices in Manchester located at 228 Maple Street or calling 603-206-4400 and in Berlin the location is 961 Main Street, or by phone, 603-752-2600.

"The goal at ABLE is for our participants to move into employment within a year, with freshly updated job skills and the confidence to become valued assets for their employers," Cirillo added.

Operation A.B.L.E. holds a free SCSEP information session in Boston every Friday at 10 a.m.

for those seeking more information about the program. Massachusetts residents should call 617-542-4180 to make a reservation and for the nearest SCSEP location. Details of the program are also available at [www.operationable.com](http://www.operationable.com).

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**About Operation A.B.L.E.:**

Since 1982, Operation A.B.L.E. of Greater Boston has been the only organization in Massachusetts whose sole mission has been to provide comprehensive training and employment services for job seekers 45 years of age and older. Since it began, more than 35,000 individuals have been assisted by Operation A.B.L.E., which is celebrating its 35th Anniversary.

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