



Central South Dakota Retired Senior Volunteer Program

Senior Corps Pledge

I will get things done for America – to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

When faced with a pressing challenge, I will bring Americans of all generations together to strengthen our communities.

When faced with children at risk, I will help them stay in school and on track for a brighter future.

When faced with older adults in need, I will provide support and compassion so they may age with grace and dignity.

Working for the greatest good, I will use my lifetime of experiences to improve my country, my community, and myself through service. I am a Senior Corps RSVP volunteer, and I will get things done.

RSVP is one of the largest volunteer efforts in the nation, under the Corporation for National and Community Service. RSVP is a coordinating agency encouraging the support of other non-profit agencies. CSD RSVP of Pierre, Ft. Pierre, Winner and the surrounding areas, was started in 1995. RSVP is an organization of retired and semi-retired men and women aged 55 and over who have chosen to include volunteerism as a part of their daily routine. RSVP provides volunteer opportunities which may enable them to participate more fully in the life of their community. RSVP seeks to offer continued opportunities for growth, education, socialization, community improvement, and support. Volunteers are encouraged to share the program with other eligible persons and invite friends to join RSVP. Community needs are linked to volunteer's skills. Volunteers choose how, where and how often they want to serve.

Many of the services volunteers provide are at non-profit agencies, schools and programs that can extend, enrich, and supplement basic services. RSVP volunteer work stations accept the responsibility for assignment and supervision of the RSVP volunteers. The work stations provide orientation, supervision and support to all volunteers, and a safe work environment. Many of these organizations would not be able to exist without volunteers. Work stations cannot be sectarian or political in nature, and the only acceptable profit making organizations are licensed, proprietary health care facilities. By working together, we can improve the quality of life for all ages.

RSVP Benefits include;

- + Supplemental insurance for all enrolled RSVP volunteers. Areas of coverage include personal liability, accident, and excess liability. This insurance does not duplicate benefits payable under Medicare or any other valid and collectible insurance coverage.
- + A recognition dinner is held to honor volunteers for their dedication to volunteer service and to provide an opportunity to socialize.
- + Volunteers receive a monthly newsletter via mail or email, a birthday card on their birthday and a name badge to wear at the work station.



RSVP Funding

Corporation for National and Community Service, Avera St. Mary's Hospital, City of Pierre, City of Fort Pierre, City of Winner, Tripp County, SD Community Foundation, Capital Area United Way, Pierre Ft. Pierre Rotary Club, Zonta Club and donations.

The RSVP Advisory Council assists RSVP staff by providing advice, support in the formulation of local policy, planning and development of procedures consistent with program policies, promoting community support for the project, advises on personnel actions affecting volunteers and staff, and assists in developing local financial and in-kind resources. The 10 member Council meets five times per year and represents various components of the community, including RSVP volunteers.

Volunteer Responsibilities

Please be on time at each assignment. Be willing to accept orientation or training to better prepare you for your assigned task. Practice discretion and confidentiality of people and places where you volunteer. Notify the workstation if you will be absent. Provide adequate notice when terminating the position and notify RSVP staff. Ask questions if in doubt. Understand the function of the paid staff and establish a working relationship. Remain in the boundary of your assignment. Obtain a signature on your timesheet from a work station supervisor or staff. If there is an issue between a work station and a volunteer, the person who has the issue shall go to the work station supervisor first, then contact RSVP staff to determine further action. And, most importantly, please have fun and meet new people!

It is essential that RSVP volunteers accurately record hours contributed on a monthly basis. These hours are used to make quarterly reports and are presented to Congress and local agencies to demonstrate the contributions volunteers are making in the community. Timesheets are mailed monthly to each volunteer unless volunteers select to enter hours online. Once completed and signed, timesheets may be mailed or brought into our office. Volunteers may choose to enter their hours online on the RSVP website. Signatures are not required for hours entered online. Hours may not be recorded for church work unless it benefits community projects, assisting with political activities, services for which you are paid, or services for relatives. Call 605-224-3337.

Enter hours online at www.rsvpsd.org

Select "post hours".

Enter username (first and last name).

Enter password (is the word password).

Select OK. Select the worksite. Enter hours. Select OK.

