

What Is The Office Of Volunteer & Community Services?

The Department of Elder Affairs is the first state unit on aging in the country to have a statutorily mandated office, which focuses on volunteer issues and promotes volunteer programs throughout the state. The Office of Volunteer and Community Services certified Volunteer Manager works with a number of organizations that provide valuable services by and for elders as well as intergenerational volunteer opportunities.



Benefits Of Volunteering

Volunteering provides a purpose fit to live for. Proven physical, psychological, and spiritual benefits of volunteering include:

- Longer life – combating ageism
- Lower level of stress
- Stronger immune system
- Stronger heart – literally, as well as figuratively

What We Can Do For You

The Office of Volunteer and Community Services within the Communities for a Lifetime Bureau can assist you with volunteer placement, program development, volunteer management training and certification,

volunteer recruitment, program promotion and volunteer recognition. The Department also serves as a clearinghouse for information on the following topics:

- Developing Volunteer Coalitions
- Volunteer Diversity
- Employee Volunteer Relationships
- Episodic Volunteering
- Evaluation – Program Volunteering
- Intergenerational Volunteer Programs
 - Volunteer Risk
 - Management
 - Elder Sensitivity
 - Supervising Volunteers
 - Volunteer Boards

What Can You Do For You

Volunteer Today! Everyday, communities and people's lives are shaped by individuals who make a difference. Whether it's by helping a child learn about the wonders of the world or by extending a hand to keep a frail senior living independently at home.

For More Information

Visit: <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/english/volunteer.html>. If you are interested in volunteering or starting a volunteer program, contact the Department of Elder Affairs Office of Volunteer & Community Services at 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399 PH: (850) 414-2000 / FX: (850) 414-2002