



Seniors Council, Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion Program

WHAT DOES THE SENIORS COUNCIL DO?

- Operates the Foster Grandparent Program & Senior Companion Program in Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Clara Counties. These two programs place trained seniors in local schools, adult care centers, and other institutions and in return provides its senior volunteers with a non-taxable, monthly stipend.
- Operates Project SCOUT (Senior Citizens OUTreach), a program providing free tax preparation assistance programs to seniors and low-income families.
- Operates the Tri-County In-Kind Donation Program, which receives donations from retail outlets and distributes them to nonprofit agencies and needy populations in Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties.
- Operates the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), which serves as the Santa Cruz and San Benito County planning and oversight entity for state and federal programs for seniors and their caregivers.
- Receives federal, state, and local funds for seniors services, distributes those funds to direct service providers, and oversees program operations.
- Conducts public hearings, workshops, forums and a large Annual Meeting to explore the interest of the Senior's community.



Meals on Wheels, a program of Community Bridges, Santa Cruz



ORGANIZATION OF THE SENIORS COUNCIL

The Seniors Council is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization serving Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Clara Counties.

The Seniors Council provides a consolidated administration for each of its component programs thereby establishing one governing body to cover individual program operations.

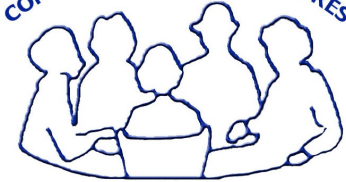
The Seniors Council Board of Directors is the official governing body of the organization, however, the Area Agency on Aging and the Foster Grandparent Program & Senior Companion Program have separate advisory councils to oversee operations and policy.

Board and Advisory Council meetings are always open to the public.

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VOLUNTEER TODAY

SENIORS COUNCIL
CONCILIO DE PERSONAS MAYORES



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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Seniors Council to enable older persons to function with independence and dignity in their homes and in the community to their fullest capacity.



2010-2011 PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

As an Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the Seniors Council is associated with eight AAA contracted service providers (listed below), which directly service the senior community and caregivers.

-*Advocacy Inc., Scotts Valley*

-*Community Bridges, Aptos*

-*Family Service Agency, Santa Cruz*

-*Jovenes de Antano, Hollister*

-*Senior Citizens Legal Services, Santa Cruz*

-*Senior Network Services, Santa Cruz*

-*Vista Center, Santa Cruz*

-*Volunteer Center, Santa Cruz*

These organizations and programs are always in need of community support and depend upon volunteers to help provide services to the seniors of our community.

If you would like more information about any of the partnership organizations, please contact the Seniors Council at info@seniorscouncil.org



The Seniors Community

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED TODAY: VOLUNTEER!

Whether you are a **senior** wanting to get involved in the community, a **senior** in college searching for community connections, a **senior** in high school looking for a community service project, or a person who just wants to gain some **senior** knowledge, the Seniors Council has a volunteer position for you!

ONGOING SENIORS COUNCIL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Advocacy, Inc.:

Ombudsman Program Volunteer

Community Bridges, Meals on Wheels:

Meal Site Volunteer

Meal Delivery Driver

Family Services Agency of the Central Coast:

Seniors Outreach Program Volunteer

Suicide Prevention Program Volunteer

I-You Venture Program Volunteer

Seniors Council, Project SCOUT:

Tax Site Greeter

Tax Site Translator

Tax Preparer

Tax Site Quality Reviewer

Seniors Council, Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion Program:

Foster Grandparent Volunteer

Senior Companion Volunteer

For complete descriptions of volunteer position, please contact 831-688-4000 ext. 17 or www.seniorscouncil.org

ISSUES FACING THE SENIORS COMMUNITY TODAY

With the increasing growth of the aging population, there is an increasing demand for services for the aging population. Services include providing the elderly with basic needs, such as food, nutrition, housing and transportation; however, there is also a great need for creative solutions to issues that impact the senior community.

Solutions to issues, such as healthy aging information and caregiver resources, rely heavily on community resources for knowledge, advocacy, and support to ensure that the seniors of our community continue to thrive.

POPULATION OF PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER*

YEAR	POPULATION	PERCENTAGE OF NATION'S POPULATION
1965	13.9 MILLION	9%
2006	37.3 MILLION	12.40%
2020	55 MILLION	16.67%

*O'Shaughnessy, C. (2008). The aging services network: broad mandate and increasing responsibilities. *Public Policy & Aging Report*, 18(3).