

<u>What is Service Learning?</u> Service learning combines community service with classroom instruction, focusing on critical reflective thinking as well as personal and civic responsibility. Service learning programs involve students in activities that address local needs while developing their academic skills and commitment to their community.

#### How it works?

- Take a class that offers Service Learning. Talk to your instructor.
- Discuss 1-3 learning objectives with your instructor based on the class.
- Confirm an organization in the Agency Directory on the SWC website: www.swccd.edu/ servicelearning. Contact the agency and schedule a meeting. Let them know you would like to volunteer a minimum of 15 hours (or whatever your course requires.)

### **Service Learning Examples:**

Child Development class: you can volunteer at schools, and interact with children at various sites.

Math class: assist in math labs at elementary schools, and tutor youth and adults.

# What do I get out of it?

- Earn credit in your class
- Receive a co-curricular transcript notation
- Earn a certificate of completion signed by Superintendent/President

## How do I sign up?

- Complete a Service Learning Agreement and obtain all required signatures.
- Obtain a Service Learning Timesheet to track your volunteer hours.

#### Deadlines:

- Turn in the Service Learning Agreement by the 8th week of the start of the semester or sooner. Late or incomplete agreements will not be accepted.
- Timesheets must be turned in by deadline date to Student Activities office before the week of finals.
- You must complete a minimum of 15 hours with the same agency.
- Turn in your Agreement and Timesheet when due to the Office of Student Activities, 601C (were students take SWC ID photo).
- You do not need to see a Service Learning staff person, unless you have questions so feel free to drop it off.

**Website:** www.swccd.edu/servicelearning