

## **Davie County Senior Services General Participation Policy**

It is the mission of Davie County Senior Services to provide seniors with accessible services and opportunities for fellowship, fun and learning, through activities and programs that enrich lives. To fulfill that mission the following policies apply to all participants of Senior Services:

- All participants must be age 55 or older to participate in the special events, daily activities, etc. at Davie County Senior Services with the following exceptions:
  - Spouses of eligible participants may attend only when accompanying the eligible participant.
  - Caregivers assisting eligible participants may attend only when accompanying the eligible participant.
  - Individuals with handicaps or disabilities which prevent them from being left at home alone and who live with the eligible participant full time may attend only when accompanying the eligible participant.
- Senior Services may hold some programs, classes or events that include participants under the age of 55. Senior Services may also sponsor programs that are provided to the general public. In these cases, participants of any age will be allowed to participate.
- Senior Services provides some programs and services that are available only to those aged 60 and older as required by certain grant restrictions.
- Participants should not bring children to the center except when invited for intergenerational programming or when the children are performing approved volunteer work. In those cases children are the responsibility of the adult bringing them and are to remain in the presence of that adult for the entire time.
- Davie County Senior Services is a public agency that provides services to older adults as well as the general public. Recipients of aging services and their caregivers vary in age and may be present in the senior center at any given time.
- All participants, regardless of age, are expected to be able to adhere to all policies of Davie County Senior Services.
- All participants must be able to conduct themselves in a socially acceptable manner. Participants may not engage in conduct or behavior which would be considered inappropriate or offensive to others.
- All participants must refrain from persistent rude or disruptive behavior while at Davie County Senior Services.
- All participants are expected to use good personal hygiene.
- Participants should refrain from using strong perfumes or scented lotions in consideration of allergies of other participants.
- Smoking is not permitted inside Davie County Senior Services, including restrooms. Designated smoking areas are available outside the building.
- No alcohol is permitted in the building or on the premises.
- No animals are permitted in the building with the exception of service animals.
- Davie County Senior Services welcomes older adults of all levels of physical and mental ability. However, as a Senior Center, programs are designed for independent older adults. Staff is not available to provide one-on-one assistance with activities. Those people whose needs exceed the capabilities of the program will not be allowed to participate unless someone attends with them to provide the assistance they require. Severe dementia, inability to feed oneself, inability of a person to use the bathroom without assistance, and other situations in which a participant becomes at risk fall under this policy.

- Any person who violates the policies of Davie County Senior Services may be required to vacate the building and may be prohibited from further use of the programs and services.
- Any situation in which a participant engages in illegal behavior on site, or engages in behavior which places a staff person, volunteer or other participant in danger will result in immediate termination and/or prosecution by law enforcement officials.
- Davie County Senior Services is not responsible for any property lost, broken or stolen while on the premises or involved in an activity of Davie County Senior Services.