

# CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

AMERICORPS & SENIOR CORPS



## OUR MISSION

Improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.



300,000

AmeriCorps & Senior Corps members



50,000

locations in 50 states



1,000,000+

AmeriCorps Alumni

**The Corporation for National and Community Service** (CNCS) is committed to improving lives and strengthening communities through service and volunteering by empowering citizens to solve local problems, expand economic opportunity and encouraging personal responsibility.

Based on principles of local control, competition, accountability, and public-private partnership, CNCS is a cost-effective investment in America's future that provides vital services to underserved communities and generates dividends that far exceed the original investment. Through strategic and evidence-based grantmaking, we partner with thousands of nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and local governments to solve tough problems and meet local needs.



AmeriCorps provides opportunities for 75,000 Americans each year to serve their communities and country through three programs: AmeriCorps NCCC, AmeriCorps VISTA, and AmeriCorps State & National.



Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of over 220,000 Americans each year age 55 and older to meet a wide range of community challenges through three programs: Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP.



## DISASTER SERVICES

### Helping communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters

Following a disaster, national service acts as a force multiplier, providing key resources and significantly expanding the capacity of existing organizations on the ground. National service members respond to natural and manmade disaster events, assisting with volunteer and donations management, disaster survivor assistance, operations and logistics support, home repair and restoration, and much more.

AmeriCorps and Senior Corps teams have provided critical support after countless disasters, including Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy; flooding in Colorado, Iowa, Louisiana, and Texas; tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri and Moore, Oklahoma; and wildfires in California and the Mountain West. Recently, CNCS deployed nearly **6,000 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members** in direct response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, Michael, and Florence.

## EDUCATION



### Improving educational outcomes by teaching, tutoring, and mentoring children and youth

AmeriCorps and Senior Corps provide cost-effective strategies to improve education and ensure more young people succeed in school and in life. CNCS programs play a critical role in strengthening schools including low-performing schools.

The education-focused programs we support produce favorable and quantifiable outcomes for students served. Each year, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs improve academic achievement of nearly **540,000 students**, impacting school readiness, socioemotional skills, reading and math achievement, improved attendance and behavior, and increased high school graduation rates and college enrollment.



## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

### Improving the economic well-being of the American people

National service increases economic opportunity and builds family stability by helping seniors live independently, keeping students on track to graduate, rebuilding and rehabilitating affordable housing, preventing elder fraud, providing financial literacy training, and connecting returning veterans to jobs.

More than **1 million AmeriCorps members** have used the program as a pathway to education and employment opportunities, while developing important skills for the 21st-century workplace.

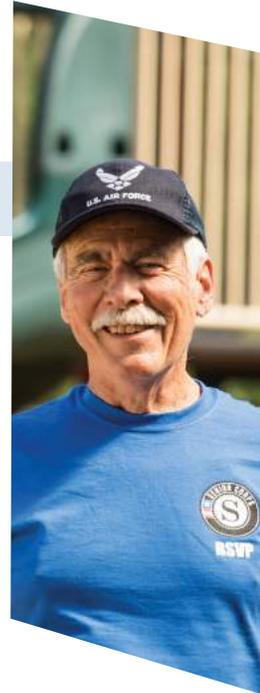


## VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES



Assisting veterans with education, job training, and a meaningful transition to civilian life

America's veterans and their families make tremendous sacrifices for our nation during their military service, and we owe them a great debt. Each year AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members assist more than **500,000 veterans and military families** by connecting them to education opportunities, jobs, and the benefits they have earned. CNCS also engages approximately 20,000 veterans in service as AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members, who choose our programs to continue serving their country.



## HEALTHY FUTURES

Promoting healthy lifestyles, independent living, and combating the opioid epidemic

AmeriCorps and Senior Corps national service programs help build the capacity of food banks, prevent elder abuse, create school and community gardens, promote healthy lifestyles through community outreach and education, serve in health clinics, help homebound seniors live independently, and address stubborn challenges including food insecurity and homelessness.

In response to the unprecedented substance abuse epidemic, nearly **2,000 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members** are focused on opioid and substance abuse prevention, reduction, and recovery in 140 projects nationwide.



## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



Restoring public lands and expanding healthy, recreational opportunities

Each year, hundreds of national service programs support more than **250,000 acres of public lands**, conserve natural habitats, protect clean air and water, maintain public lands, support wildland fire mitigation, provide reforestation services after floods or fires, and lower utility bills by improving the energy efficiency of homes. These programs also bring stewardship lessons to classrooms and nature centers, teaching the next generation about the importance of conservation.





# AMERICORPS

More than 1 million AmeriCorps alumni have gained critical educational, employment, and civic benefits through their service. Many alumni have gone on to make an impact in corporate boardrooms, nonprofits, state capitals, and more.

- **90%** of AmeriCorps alumni surveyed report that their national service experience improved their ability to solve problems.
- AmeriCorps alumni are more likely than the average American adult to attain a bachelor's degree or higher.
- **80%** of alumni say that AmeriCorps benefited their career path.
- **79%** of AmeriCorps alumni are, or plan to become, actively involved in their community after service, compared to 47% prior to service.



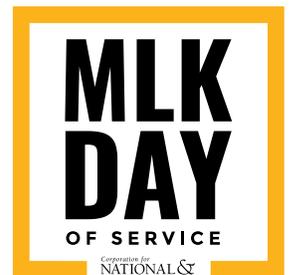
# SENIOR CORPS

Senior Corps volunteers share wisdom from a lifetime of experience with the young and young at heart, creating intergenerational exchanges and building friendships that give hope, and end loneliness and isolation. Research shows that positive mental and physical health benefits are associated with active lifestyles and volunteering among older adults.

- **84%** of Senior Corps volunteers reported improved or stable health, after two years of service in Senior Corps.
- **88%** of Senior Corps volunteers who first described a lack of companionship reported a decrease in feelings of isolation after two years.
- **78%** of those who reported 5 or more symptoms at the beginning of the study said they felt less depressed two years later.

## SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERING IN AMERICA

CNCS is the lead federal agency for elevating volunteering in America. Through our AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs and initiatives, CNCS encourages millions to join our members in service each year. The agency also guides the Volunteer Generation Fund that supports and bolsters the volunteer sector by promoting best practices for recruitment and volunteer management, and leads MLK Day and 9/11 Day of Service.



2019 Highlights

- 5.4 million people reached
- 60.1 million people reached

## SOME OF OUR PARTNERS



CITY YEAR

