

FAQ on justice AmeriCorps Data Collection and Reporting

What information is collected through justice AmeriCorps?

Information collected through the justice AmeriCorps program includes some personal information about you, including your name, where you are from, and your birth date. It also includes information that your lawyer has provided or will provide to the government during your immigration proceedings. Your lawyer can provide you with a full list of this information.

Who will get the information?

Information about you and your case will be entered into a computer database managed by the Vera Institute of Justice, an independent not-for-profit center for justice system research, policy and practice. The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR, which runs the immigration court system and is paying for the justice AmeriCorps program) and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS, which runs the justice AmeriCorps program and provides benefits to the lawyers and paralegals participating in the justice AmeriCorps program), has contracted with the Vera Institute to study the effects of providing a lawyer to certain unaccompanied children who must appear in the immigration courts.

How will the information be used?

The information will be used to study how providing certain unaccompanied children with lawyers effects court proceedings and will hopefully show that being represented makes immigration proceedings more efficient. We will also study whether this program can help to identify unaccompanied children who have been victims of human trafficking or abuse.

Will my information be shared with the government or with anyone else?

No. Information about you and your specific case will not be given to EOIR, CNCS, or to any other person or agency involved in your immigration proceedings.

What will happen to my information at the end of the study?

The Vera Institute will prepare a report containing a summary of its findings. The report will not contain any information about you or your individual case, and when the Vera Institute is done preparing the report it will destroy any information it has about you and your individual case.