



# National Service Knowledge Network Demonstration – February 12, 2015

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# Today's Presenters



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# Today's Agenda



*Introduction*



*Transition Update*



*Structure*



*Tour*

*Q&A*



*Closing Remarks*



# Introduction



- What is the Knowledge Network?
- How was it created?
- How has it developed over the years?
- Why is CNCS changing the Knowledge Network?
- Where are we now?

# Transition Update

- The Knowledge Network is constantly evolving
- On January 2, the Knowledge Network moved from an external site to the CNCS website
- Users are automatically redirected to the new site: [www.nationalservice.gov/resources](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources)
- Frequently used pages are being redirected to their new pages

# How to Access the Knowledge Network

- The top gray bar on the CNCS homepage “[National Service Knowledge Network](#)”
- Direct link: [www.nationalservice.gov/resources](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources)



# Tour of the Knowledge Network

[www.nationalservice.gov/resources](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources)

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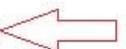
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**Knowledge Networks**  **Resource pages by Focus Area.**

**Focus Area Resources**

**Disaster Services**  
  
This online network provides a place to share what works at the intersection of disaster services and national service.

**Economic Opportunity**  
  
This network provides a place to share what works at the intersection of national service and economic opportunity services.

**Education**  
  
This network provides a place to share what works at the intersection of education and national service.

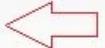
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## AmeriCorps Resources

A place for State Service Commission and program staff to find tools to support strong AmeriCorps programs and national service initiatives.

See resources for AmeriCorps programs on start-up, financial & grant management, program management, and member management.

[Link to additional AmeriCorps Resources](#)

## Featured Video

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- Veterans & Military Families



**Featured Resources**

**Frequently used resources**

- **New AmeriCorps Program Start Up Institute – Grantee Reporting (PDF)**  
**Access the recording of the Grantee Reporting presentation held on January 27, 2015** here.
- AmeriCorps State and National Grantee Calendar
- Program Evaluation Recordings Now Available
- UPDATED State Service Commission Road Map
- 2014 AmeriCorps State and National Symposium
- Evaluation Resources for AmeriCorps State & National Grantees
- Completing the AmeriCorps Grantee Progress Report (GPR)
- Creating, Editing and Assigning Service Locations in the My AmeriCorps Portal
- National Service Criminal History Check Resources
- Online Learning Center

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## Performance Measures

- AmeriCorps Performance Measurements

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**A to Z listing of all AmeriCorps resources**

# Online Learning

- Online Courses:  
[www.nationalservice.gov/resources/online-courses](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/online-courses)
- Online Learning Center:  
[learning.nationalserviceresources.org/](http://learning.nationalserviceresources.org/)
  - No account is needed to access courses

# Social Media



The Knowledge Network's Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/serviceresources](http://www.facebook.com/serviceresources)

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- The requirements for completing the National Service Criminal History Checks?  
[www.nationalservice.gov/resources/criminal-history-check](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/criminal-history-check)
- Details of the AmeriCorps performance measures?  
[www.nationalservice.gov/resources/performance-measurement/ameriCorps](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/performance-measurement/ameriCorps)
- The requirements for AmeriCorps program evaluations?  
[www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/page/ACSN\\_Evaluation\\_FAQs\\_FINAL\\_7\\_17\\_13.pdf](http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/page/ACSN_Evaluation_FAQs_FINAL_7_17_13.pdf)

# Grantee Progress Report (GPR) Tutorial

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## Completing the AmeriCorps Grantee Progress Report (GPR)

Visit the Online Learning Center to access this course. You will find the PowerPoint slides for the tutorial here.

This recording introduces the new Grantee Progress Report (GPR) for national grantees that were new or recomplete applications in 2013, and state commissions with subgrantees that were new or recomplete applications in 2013. The tutorial provides an introduction to the new mid-year and end-of-year GPR reporting screens.

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# Criminal History Check Resource Page

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## Criminal History Check Resources

Under the Serve America Act (SAA), all grantees must conduct National Service Criminal History checks on participants and program employees in AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve, Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion and any other programs funded by the Corporation under National Service laws. All employees, participants, and others who receive a salary, national service education award, living allowance, or stipend under Corporation grants, even if the activities don't involve service with vulnerable populations, must receive the checks prior to beginning employment or service. Summer of service awards are not considered national service education awards. For the RSVP and VISTA programs, grantees are not required to conduct criminal history checks on their volunteers; however, RSVP and VISTA grantees are required to conduct criminal history checks on all employees who receive part or all of their salary from the respective program grant. Regulations have been in effect since November 2007 requiring checks on individuals in recurring contact with a vulnerable population, and expanded requirements went into effect on October 1, 2009, establishing coverage of all employees and participants, including those without contact with a vulnerable population. Since April 21, 2011, programs have been required to conduct FBI background checks on covered individuals who will have recurring contact with vulnerable populations. Due to the significant period of time between April 21, 2011 and the effective date of the regulation, the Corporation is anticipating that the final regulations will include a blanket, good cause exception, authorized by section 2540(b)(4): an otherwise covered individual who was hired by, or enrolled in, a program on, or after, April 21, 2011, and then departed the program before the effective date of this regulations, is not subject to the heightened search requirement. Guidance offered below is regularly updated.

### Federal Regulations:

1. [Read the Federal Register Notice of the Final Rule - published on October 5, 2012 \(PDF\)](#)
2. [Read the Federal Register notice - published on September 10, 2009 \(PDF\)](#)
3. [Read the Federal Register notice - published on August 24, 2007 \(PDF\)](#)

### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. [Frequently Asked Questions, updated December 11, 2014 \(PDF\)](#)

### National Service Criminal History Check Components:

1. NSOPW Check

# What is Next?



- Continuing evolution of the Knowledge Network
  - file transition
  - organization and cleaning
  - material update/development
- Current user experience
  - consistent look and feel with CNCS website
  - easy access for all sections of the Knowledge Network
  - dedicated CNCS staff support
- Potential challenges
  - locating materials in new structure
  - broken links

# User Support



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# Q&A



- What questions do you have?

# Thank You!



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