

# *Task Force Overview:* *An Opportunity to Address Our Nation's Greatest Needs*

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CALL TO ACTION

On July 15, President Obama issued a Presidential Memorandum that establishes the Task Force on Expanding National Service. The Task Force consists of representatives of 13 cabinet departments, six additional federal agencies and offices, and other agencies to be designated.

Wendy Spencer, the CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), and Cecilia Muñoz, the Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, will co-chair the Task Force.



## THE GOAL OF THE TASK FORCE

The Task Force will advance Agency and Administration priorities through the expansion of national service.

## SIX WAYS TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL

1. **Interagency Service Corps** - Launch new national service corps through interagency partnerships
2. **Pipeline to Public Service** - Create a pipeline of Americans who are ready to enter public service and apply the skills they learn through national service
3. **Policy Solutions** - Explore policy solutions that advance the Task Force's goal
4. **Efficiency through Innovation** - Increase the efficiency of tax dollars through the use of innovation and technology
5. **Public-Private Partnerships** - Identify public-private partnerships to expand national service
6. **Cross-Agency Coordination** - Coordinate volunteering and service programs across the federal government

## HOW CNCS CAN WORK WITH AGENCIES

CNCS is a federal agency that brings 20 years of experience of delivering national service and volunteerism as solutions to our communities. More than 80,000 AmeriCorps members and 360,000 Senior Corps volunteers tackle the most pressing challenges facing America: educating millions of students; supporting individuals and families on the road to economic recovery; supporting veterans and military families; helping communities rebuild after disasters; improving at-risk ecosystems; and providing healthy futures for children across the country.

# Partnership Examples: National Service in Action



**FEMA CORPS**, a partnership between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Corporation for National and Community Service, is a new 1,600 member AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps program solely devoted to disaster response and recovery. FEMA Corps members provided invaluable service in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and recent tornadoes in the Midwest and have developed innovative ways to serve disaster survivors – all while saving taxpayer dollars.



**SCHOOL TURNAROUND AMERICORPS**, a partnership between the Department of Education and CNCS, will bring more than 650 new AmeriCorps members into the nation's lowest-performing schools to support and sustain turnaround efforts. These AmeriCorps members will work to boost student academic achievement, attendance, high school graduation rates, and college and career readiness. This initiative will maximize the Department of Education's existing investment in the School Improvement Grant (SIG) program.

**STEM AMERICORPS**, which President Obama announced at the White House Science Fair this spring, is a multi-year initiative to place hundreds of AmeriCorps members in nonprofits across the country. These members will mobilize STEM professionals to inspire young people to excel in science, technology, engineering, and math. This will in turn build the pipeline for future STEM careers. STEM AmeriCorps builds on the President's "Educate to Innovate," a nationwide effort to move American students from the middle to the top of the pack in science and math achievement over the next decade.

