



National Service in Delaware



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN DELAWARE

More than 3,600 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Delaware. Serving at more than 410 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$3,510,000 to support Delaware communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$2,330,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 180 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Delaware. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Serve Delaware - Governor's Commission on Community & Volunteer Service, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 2,300 Delaware residents have served more than 3.1 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$7,220,000.

Senior Corps: More than 3,400 seniors in Delaware contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,400 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 400 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 240 groups across Delaware.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Delaware At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps					
AmeriCorps National	5	25	72	\$396,825	\$485,329 ³
AmeriCorps State Formula	4	43	107	\$604,015	\$674,006
AmeriCorps VISTA	1	3	3	\$16,935	\$48,111
AMERICORPS TOTAL	10	71	182	\$1,017,775	\$1,207,446
Senior Corps					
Foster Grandparent Program	1	76	352	-	\$521,472
RSVP	3	245	3,028	-	\$195,662
Senior Companion Program	1	20	106	-	\$342,575
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL	5	341	3,486	-	\$1,059,709
Other Funding					
Disability Outreach	1	-	-	-	\$31,772
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL	2	-	-	-	\$231,772
PROGRAM TOTALS	17	412⁴	3,668	\$1,017,775	\$2,498,927
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$3,516,702
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$2,331,738 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$5,848,440

- Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.
- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2013 - 2014 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
 - This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Delaware. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
 - AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
 - The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
 - As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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National Service Impact in Delaware

AmeriCorps

Delaware Habitat for Humanity's 20 AmeriCorps members serve the state by providing economic opportunity and housing services state-wide through three Habitat for Humanity affiliates. The AmeriCorps members had a direct impact on 31 families through home ownership programs that impacted 112 people, 67 of whom were children. In addition, 27 poverty owner-occupied houses received A Brush With Kindness repairs that included building handicap access ramps and repairing dangerous entrances and exits, making homes more energy efficient by replacing damaged doors and windows, and brightening the homes and neighborhoods with paint and yard clean-up.

AmeriCorps NCCC

Delaware State Parks provides Delaware's residents and visitors with safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities and open spaces, delivers responsible stewardship of the lands and cultural and natural resources, and offers resource-based interpretive and educational services. AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) members working with Delaware State Parks helped maintain the safety and accessibility of the parks by removing 2,500 pounds of trash, repairing 2,500 feet of irrigation systems, and removing 3,500 pounds of underbrush. The NCCC team worked at eight state parks in Delaware and helped restore 88 campsites.

AmeriCorps VISTA

To help close the digital divide impacting the Wilmington community, the Mike Clark Legacy Foundation funded the new Skills Center which opened in November, 2012, at the Fraim Boys & Girls Club. An AmeriCorps VISTA member assisted with planning, renovation, technology installation, and program development. After a needs survey of over 100 club members, the Center was renovated and equipped with technology including computers, iPads, digital cameras, Lego Mindstorms kits and a Smart Board. A team developed and launched an IT Works Lite program that involves volunteer instructors teaching lessons about computer hardware, Microsoft software, resume writing, and professionalism. Approximately 30 teen club members have been served. A bank of 200 Smart Board lessons for K-12 club members is being built. The Skills Center continues to expand the number of programs it offers.

Senior Corps

Falls are a leading cause of injury and death for older adults. Seniors who fall frequently face costly hospitalizations and nursing home stays. A Matter of Balance is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of participants. A Matter of Balance program was presented by 26 RSVP volunteers to 147 seniors in 2013. Participants attend classes presented by RSVP volunteers for eight, two hour sessions. More than 80 percent of the participants report they have increased their activity levels and have made changes to their home environment resulting in less risk of falling. Offered only in New Castle and Sussex Counties in 2009, the program expanded and is now offered statewide. The Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities provides funding to support this program.

Social Innovation Fund

The Children's Aid Society-Carrera Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program (CAS-Carrera), a program of the Children's Aid Society, is an evidence-based pregnancy prevention model that helps young people avoid becoming parents during the second decade of their lives. They were selected to receive an initial Social Innovation Fund (SIF) subgrant award of \$1.5 million through intermediary The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, which they will match dollar-for-dollar with nonfederal funds. Wilmington is one of 12 locations served by the program through their SIF subgrant. CAS-Carrera engages young people year-round, beginning in the 5th or 6th grade, and continues through graduation from high school and beyond. The program is currently delivered in two modes: a proven afterschool model and an innovative adaptation of the afterschool model that is integrated into the school day. CAS-Carrera plans to serve 10,000-11,000 youth between 2012 and 2014.

AmeriCorps in Delaware



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	182	10
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	102	15

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Delaware City	DE State Parks (March 9 - April 18, 2013) Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Dover	DEDO*AmeriCorps (Completed) Delaware Economic Development Office	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Dover	DEDO*VISTA (Current) Delaware Economic Development Office	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Dover	Education and Training for Homeless Men (Completed) Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Georgetown	DE Habitat AmeriCorps (Current) Sussex County Habitat for Humanity	21	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lewes	DE State Parks (March 9 - April 18, 2013) Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Newark	DE State Parks (March 9 - April 18, 2013) Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Wilmington	Beautiful Gates Outreach Center (Completed) Philadelphia AIDS Consortium	4	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Community Education (Completed) YMCA of Delaware Resource Center	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wilmington	Education and Employment (Completed) West End Neighborhood House	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wilmington	Foster Care Mentoring Program (Completed) Department of Services for Children, Youth, Families	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wilmington	Learning Through Technology (Completed) The Elizabeth House Family Life Center, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wilmington	New Castle County Emergency Services Corps (Completed) YMCA of Delaware Resource Center	31	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	Notre Dame AmeriCorps - Wilmington (Current) Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc.	10	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Public Allies Delaware (Current) Public Allies, Inc.	57	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	SCA Delaware (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Second Chances Employment Expansion Project (Completed) A Center for Relational Living	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wilmington	Teach For America - Delaware (Completed) Teach For America	50	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Teach For America--Delaware (Current) Teach For America	63	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	The Caring Corps (Current) Ministry of Caring Inc.	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	The Skills Center Project (Completed) Boys and Girls Club of Delaware	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wilmington	Widener Veterans Law Clinic (Current) Equal Justice Works	2	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Youth Ambassador Program (Current) Connecting Generations	15	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	Child, Inc (Current) University of Maryland, Baltimore County	2	AmeriCorps National
Winterthur	Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library (October 20 - November 6, 2013) Winterthur Museum	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.
The city column refers to the location of the sponsor organization. AmeriCorps members may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

Senior Corps in Delaware



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	3,486	5
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Dover	Delaware FGP (Current) Delaware Commission on Community & Volunteer Service1	352	Foster Grandparent Program
Dover	RSVP of Kent County (Current) Modern Maturity Center Incorporated	828	RSVP
Georgetown	Kent/Sussex/New Castle SCP (Current) First State Community Action Agency	106	Senior Companion Program
Georgetown	RSVP of Sussex County (Current) Delaware Commission on Community & Volunteer Service1	1,200	RSVP
New Castle	New Castle County RSVP (Current) Delaware Commission on Community & Volunteer Service1	1,000	RSVP

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.