



# AMERICORPS NCCC

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Colorado is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region campus. Located in the Loretto Heights neighborhood of Denver, the Southwest Region campus serves as the base for approximately 600 traditional NCCC members and team leaders each year, and serves the states of Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. NCCC members are assigned to one of five regional campuses into teams of approximately ten members, and complete 2- to 3-month projects responding to local communities' needs in every state. Teams serve with local and national organizations, infusing resources and leading volunteers for hundreds of organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross. These young adults lead youth development activities, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address other pressing local needs.

NCCC's flexible program structure allows both the opportunity to partner with non-profit or government organizations that might lack the capacity to manage longer grant programs, as well as the ability to create strategic collaborations with other national service programs and federal agencies to magnify the impact on communities served. In 2012, NCCC collaborated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and created a new unit of members called FEMA Corps. These teams are devoted solely to FEMA disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts, which strengthen the nation's ability to respond to and recover from disasters while expanding career opportunities for young people. Between the traditional and FEMA Corps, up to 2,800 members serve with AmeriCorps NCCC each year.

In addition to the FEMA Corps, the traditional NCCC teams are coordinated for rapid disaster deployment anywhere in the country. Trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response and firefighting, teams have responded to local and national disasters since the program was established in 1994. Since 2000, members have served more than 5.1 million hours on 1900 disaster services projects across the nation.

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## SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN COLORADO SINCE 2000

- ★ 1,236,685 service hours completed
- ★ \$27,380,206 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 13,400 volunteers recruited and coordinated
- ★ 500 miles of new hiking trails constructed or restored
- ★ 508 tons of debris, exotic vegetation or underbrush removed
- ★ 29,000 new trees, shrubs, and seedlings planted
- ★ 66,000 families assisted in disaster areas
- ★ 140,000 books sorted, inventoried, repaired, or shelved

## SELECTED COLORADO PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Denver Asset Building Coalition (DABC)
- ★ Denver Green School
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of La Plata County
- ★ Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
- ★ Piton Foundation
- ★ Rocky Mountain Village
- ★ Rocky Mountain Field Institute
- ★ Lowry Family Center

### HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Center Consolidated Schools

*The Center Consolidated School district seeks to develop independent, self-directed, self-motivated, experiential learners armed with the skills necessary to meet future challenges. The Center Community is one of low socioeconomic status with 91% of students on free and reduced lunch. AmeriCorps NCCC teams worked directly with students in classrooms and afterschool programming. The impact of AmeriCorps NCCC and AmeriCorps VISTA has led to positive results: the 3rd grade literacy rate increased 78% proficiency in Reading; the drop-out rate has been reduced by 50%; and an after-school art club and bully prevention program has been developed.*

AmeriCorps NCCC is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). CNCS improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.

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