

What Is AmeriCorps?

Every day across the nation AmeriCorps members are making a powerful impact on the most critical issues facing our nation. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 80,000 Americans to give back in an intensive way to their communities and country each year. It consists of three main programs: AmeriCorps State and National, whose members serve with national and local nonprofit and community groups; AmeriCorps VISTA, through which members serve full time fighting poverty; and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a team-based residential program for young adults 18-24.

What Do AmeriCorps Members Do?

AmeriCorps members recruit, train, and supervise community volunteers, tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, help communities respond to disasters, and build the capacity of nonprofit groups to become self-sustaining, among many other activities.

Who Can Be an AmeriCorps Member?

AmeriCorps members are all ages and abilities and come from diverse communities across the nation. Members must be at least 17 and must be legal residents of the United States.

What Benefits Do AmeriCorps Members Receive?

In exchange for a year of full-time service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award equal to the maximum amount of the Pell Grant that can be used to pay for educational expenses at qualified institutions of higher education, or to pay back qualified student loans. For positions approved in 2011, the amount will be \$5,550. Awards are prorated for part-time service. Some members also receive a living allowance and health care.

How Do I Join?

Go to AmeriCorps.gov to get started!

Nevada AmeriCorps Fast Facts---Making a Difference in Nevada

Basic Human Services: Hunger, Supportive Services, Homelessness

- **Prepared and packed 15,600 sack meals**, which fed on average **300 homeless individuals weekly** by distributing the prepared sack lunches
- **Packed 300,923 backpacks** for weekly distribution **providing 10,7000 children with ready to eat meals** on the weekends
- provided **3,489 families with food**
- helped **500 homeless teens** connect with community resources

Senior or Disability Services:

- facilitated **health and aging programs for 7,499 senior citizens**
- provided transportation or other services to **551 individuals**, allowing them to **live independently**

Educational Progress and Support: Tutoring, Mentoring, Out-of-School Healthy Engagement

- provided **case management/academic support** to **286 students and families**; **80%** of those students showed **improved attendance**
- **3,427 children and youth** engaged in in-school or after-school **physical education activities** with the purpose of **reducing childhood obesity**
- coordinated **15 substance abuse prevention events** and **23 training sessions** targeting **478 youth**
- provided **natural science-based lessons** to **15,677 students** in Humboldt County (NOS)
- **1006 children received no cost immunizations**
- **facilitated 291 GED prep courses** for **849 unduplicated participants**
- Early intervention services to **36 at-risk pre-kindergarten children**. **100% improved in reading readiness**, while increasing **parental involvement by 90%**

Environmental Stewardship and Safety:

- **2,20 acres** of public land and waterways were **restored and improved**
- **145 miles** of trails were **built and maintained**
- removed **140 tons of trash** and **3,480 pounds of recyclable materials**
- planted **16,991 plants and trees**
- removed hazardous fuels from **321 acres** of public land
- Removed invasive species from **10,598 acres** statewide
- **cleaned or improved 4,575 acres** of national parks, state parks, city parks, and county parks or other public lands and tribal communities