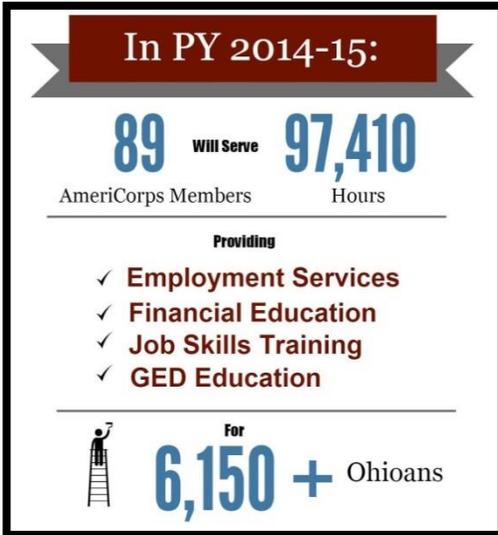




AmeriCorps: Building Skills, Increasing Employment



AmeriCorps members support and facilitate access to employment services, financial literacy education, GED education, and job skills that contribute to the improved economic well-being and security of low wealth communities in Ohio. In Program Year 2014-15, ServeOhio invested nearly \$1 million to fund programs that build skills and increase employment for the most vulnerable citizens in our communities.

AmeriCorps programs do more than move communities forward; they provide pathways to opportunity for their members who are entering the workforce. Ohio AmeriCorps programs place members into intensive service positions where they learn valuable work skills, earn money for education, and develop an appreciation for citizenship.

Priority	Program	Ohioans to be Served	2014-15 Program Impact*
Building Skills to Increase Employability and Personal Success	Santa Maria Community Services	300 Adults will receive GED education support	50% will improve their academic performance, of which 30% will obtain their GED
	State Library of Ohio	4,000 Individuals in rural areas will receive digital literacy training	30% will report an increase in digital literacy; 10% will report employment or an increase in employability
	University Settlement	900 Individuals will receive financial literacy services	80% will increase their financial knowledge by opening a bank account, meeting with a financial counselor, or creating a plan to pay down debt
Intensive Coaching to Eliminate Employment Barriers	University of Dayton	200 Opportunity youth will receive employment coaching	25% will gain employment
	Santa Maria Community Services	150 Individuals will receive employment coaching	65% will increase their work readiness skills; 30% will obtain employment
	University Settlement	600 Individuals with low literacy will receive employment coaching	50% will gain employment or complete advanced job training
Employment Pathways for Opportunity Youth	University of Dayton	Opportunity youth engaged as AmeriCorps members	86% will successfully complete the program and obtain employment after their service
	Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation	Opportunity youth engaged as AmeriCorps members	30% will complete a college course within one year of completing their service

* 2014-15 program impact is based on anticipated program outcomes

Increasing Employment and Personal Success

Six AmeriCorps members serving with **Santa Maria Community Services** will provide adult education at 14 sites around Cincinnati. Members serve in community organizations to provide support to students and community members needing job readiness skills and GED training.

The **State Library of Ohio's** 30 AmeriCorps members provide computer instruction, digital literacy training, and one-on-one assistance to economically disadvantaged individuals in 27 public libraries in rural Ohio communities. The goal of the program is for all Ohioans to have the ability to fully participate in e-government, search and apply for jobs online, understand the risks and benefits to internet finance, connect with family online, and protect personal information in the digital age.

University Settlement mobilizes 11 AmeriCorps members to address low literacy and high levels of poverty in Cuyahoga County by providing financial literacy training and basic skills development at 8 sites throughout Cleveland for adults facing barriers to employment and post-secondary education.

The **University of Dayton** mobilizes 32 AmeriCorps members to serve economically disadvantaged youth aged 18-24 (opportunity youth) in Greater Dayton and Montgomery County by providing financial literacy services, GED preparation, one-on-one coaching, group behavioral activation sessions, self-care counseling, and workplace behavior training.

Creating Employment Pathways for Opportunity Youth

The **University of Dayton** Corps is comprised of University of Dayton students and 7 opportunity youth serving as AmeriCorps members. During their service year, members receive extensive training and gain a diverse skill-set that prepares them for employment after their service year. At the end of their service term, 86% of the opportunity youth members will obtain employment.

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation mobilizes 9 opportunity youth as AmeriCorps members to create quality affordable housing in Youngstown. Members receive on-going training in workplace conduct, home repair, rehabilitation, vacant property board up, and equipment usage. At the end of their service, all members will receive EPA Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) certification and 30% will complete a college course within one year of completing their service.