



AmeriCorps: Improving Learning, Strengthening Schools



Improving educational outcomes for Ohio students is critical for the economic and social wellbeing of all Ohioans. That is why ServeOhio has prioritized Education as the number one funding priority, investing \$4.1 million to increase academic success. ServeOhio Programs mobilize hundreds of AmeriCorps members as tutors, coaches, mentors, and teachers helping students to succeed in school and gain skills necessary for 21st century jobs.

Meeting Local Education Needs from Kindergarten Readiness to College Graduation

Priority	Program	Current Members	Students to be Served	PY 2013-14 Program Impact
Kindergarten Readiness	Community Properties of Ohio Bright Stars	20	201	This is a new program. In 2014-15, ServeOhio anticipates that 65% of Pre-K youth served will demonstrate gains in literacy or social-emotional skills
3 rd Grade Reading Guarantee	Ohio Reading Corps	120	2,000	65% K-3 rd graders met grade-level reading benchmarks or improved more than a year's worth of growth
Increased Academic Achievement for Elementary, Middle, and High School Students	City Year Columbus	36	402	52% Middle and high school students increased reading and/or math score on standardized tests
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	United Way of Greater Toledo	27	600	45% High school students increased reading and/or math score on standardized tests.
	Teach for America	180	9,100	39% Students increased mastery of content standards
College Access	Ohio College Guides	70	20,000	54% High school seniors enrolled into a post-secondary institution
College Retention	College Completion Coaches	27	5,000	32% Community college students progressed from developmental to college-level coursework

Kindergarten Readiness

Community Properties of Ohio Bright Stars AmeriCorps members provide evidence-based, home and community-based interventions to improve school readiness, specifically early literacy skills and social-emotional development, among children living in subsidized housing in Columbus.

3rd Grade Reading Guarantee

The **Ohio Reading Corps** AmeriCorps members provide individualized literacy interventions to economically disadvantaged students in K through Grade 3 to meet grade level literacy performance benchmarks. Many members are certified teachers, retired teachers, or education students with the goal of reaching students that are “falling through the cracks” in Cuyahoga, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Mahoning, Marion, Montgomery, Ross, and Union Counties.

Increased Academic Achievement

Through one-on-one tutoring, coaching, and classroom instruction, 113 AmeriCorps members are helping middle and high school students in Ohio achieve higher scores in reading and math. Members serving with **City Year Columbus**, **City Year Cleveland**, and **United Way of Greater Toledo** serve in Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo Public schools.

Teach for America-Ohio provides a critical source of well-trained teachers who are helping to break the local cycle of educational inequity. 180 AmeriCorps members teach for two years in low-income schools in Greater Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Lorain.

College Access

Ohio College Guides AmeriCorps members serve as college access advisors to low-income, minority, and first-generation college students at 14 local high schools and college access organizations across Ohio. Members assist students with activities such as completing the FAFSA, college applications, scholarships and college entrance exams.

College Retention

AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches provide hands-on guidance and assistance to first-time community college students on 12 campuses in Ohio including: Clark State; Cuyahoga Community College; Edison Community College; Lakeland Community College; Lorain Community College; North Central State; Northwest State; Rhodes State; Rio Grande Community College; Southern State, Stark State; and Zane State. Those served demonstrate higher credit hour accumulation, higher persistence rates, and higher college completion rates compared to those who do not receive college completion coaching.