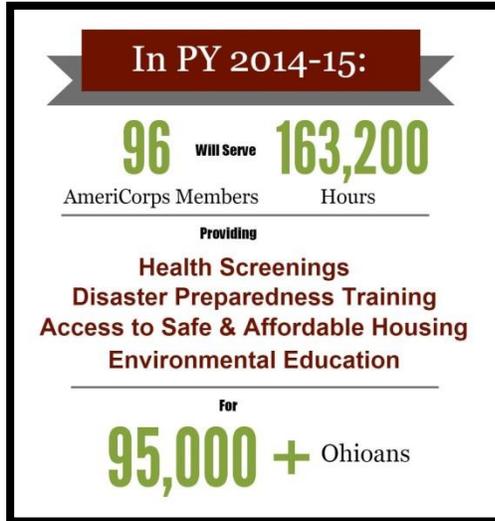




AmeriCorps: Building Healthy Communities



AmeriCorps members are making Ohio's communities healthier and stronger every day. Members help to improve individual and community health through programs designed to increase health education and screenings, improve environmental conditions in Appalachia, prepare Ohioans for disasters, and increase access to safe and affordable housing. In Program Year 2014-15, ServeOhio invested over \$1 million to fund programs that improve the health of Ohio's most vulnerable communities.

Priority	Program	Ohioans to be Served	2014-15 Program Impact*
Ensuring a Healthy Future for Ohio's Children	Ohio University	1,200 Education sessions will be presented on healthy eating and cooking for students	500 Students and 200 parents will report an increase in knowledge and behavior about healthy eating and cooking
		12,000 Pre-K to 12 th grade students will receive health screenings	1,000 Health referrals will be made resulting in 50% of students taking the necessary action to improve health
	Santa Maria Community Services	1,200 Individuals will receive information on health insurance and healthcare access programs	80% will schedule a doctor's appointment, receive preventative medicine, or enroll in a healthcare program
Improving Environmental Conditions in Appalachia	Rural Action	5,000 Residents in Appalachia Ohio will receive environmental education	3000 Children and 100 adults will demonstrate improved environmental literacy
		350 Miles of streams and trail ways will be monitored and analyzed to develop and improve access	15 Miles of waterways will meet Ohio EPA warm water habitat designation
Preparing Ohioans for Disasters	American Red Cross	75,000 Citizens will receive disaster preparedness training and information	7,500 Ohio citizens will demonstrate an increase knowledge about disaster preparedness
Increasing Access to Safe & Affordable Housing	Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation	110 Vacant properties will be stabilized through boarding or repurposing	70% Reduction in unmaintained property along key streets; 10% reduction in criminal activity city-wide over 3 years

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

Ensuring a Healthy Future for Ohio's Children

Ohio University mobilizes 20 AmeriCorps members to implement evidence-based nutrition education activities in Southeast Ohio. Members address unmet health needs to increase access to healthy, fresh food and primary and preventative health care services. The program aims to reduce or maintain BMIs in school-aged children, protect children from childhood illness, and reduce barriers to learning.

The 16 AmeriCorps members serving at **Santa Maria Community Services** provide health education in school-based health clinics and other community locations around Cincinnati to provide support to students and community members who need health education.

Improving Environmental Conditions in Appalachia

Rural Action mobilizes 26 AmeriCorps members to serve in Appalachian Ohio's acid mine damaged waterways and surrounding communities. Members focus on four persistent issues in watersheds -- dead streams, a trash filled environment, lack of access, and long term stewardship by residents. Members energize residents who have lost hope and make resource restoration a bigger part of the region's renewal.

Preparing Ohioans for Disasters

The 24 AmeriCorps members serving with the **American Red Cross** provide disaster education, volunteer recruitment, and disaster preparedness training in local communities throughout Ohio. Members are trained as leaders to train other AmeriCorps members and volunteers for disaster deployment. Members also provide case management, community outreach, and education to military members through the Services to Armed Forces program.

Increasing Access to Safe & Affordable Housing

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation mobilizes 10 AmeriCorps members to create high-quality affordable housing in Youngstown. Members clean up and landscape vacant lots, develop long-term reuse strategies with neighborhood residents and stakeholders, board and secure vacant and blighted structures to make them safe for possible rehabilitation, and make repairs to low-income owner-occupied households to help sustain homeownership in the city.