



SERVE **OHIO**
Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism



Introduction to National Service

Connecting to a National Network

Objectives

- **Gain a better understanding of national service in Ohio;**
- **Learn about the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (ServeOhio); and**
- **Learn about resources available to help you and your members with their service.**

Corporation for National & Community Service

- The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.
- Led by Wendy Spencer, CEO, and a Board of Directors appointed by the President.
- Currently, CNCS is devoting significant time and resources to focusing service priorities and implementing the strategic plan.
- To learn more about CNCS, [click here](#).

History of National Service

- National Service has a long history in the United States.
- National Service has generally enjoyed bipartisan support in the United States.
- To learn more about the history of National Service, [go here](#).

A National Movement

- **Individuals from cultures, communities, and with different experiences and expectations are coming together to give a year (or more) of their life in service to others.**
- **AmeriCorps member experiences are transformative, not only for those they serve, but for them individually.**

National Service in Ohio

AmeriCorps

- AmeriCorps State & National
- AmeriCorps VISTA
- National Civilian Conservation Corps (NCCC)

Senior Corps

- Foster Grandparents
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- Senior Companions

[Learn More](#)

Edward M. Kennedy

Serve America Act

- The Serve America Act has placed National Service and Volunteerism on a significant path of growth and impact.
- Introduces new provisions that will encourage greater numbers to serve, addressing the significant challenges faced by individuals and communities in the U.S.
- To learn more about the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, [click here](#).

ServeOhio, Ohio's Commission on Service and Volunteerism

- ServeOhio was established in 1994 to administer grants under the federal AmeriCorps program to promote volunteerism throughout the state.**
- ServeOhio's Board of Commissioners is made up of 13 appointees of the Governor and 8 state agency/legislative representatives.**
- The Board approves the annual operating budget, sets overall priorities in an annual work plan, and approves funding awarded to sub-grantees.**

ServeOhio

- **Administers the AmeriCorps State grant funded programs.**
- **Promotes and encourages volunteer engagement through such initiatives as the National Days of Service.**
- **Recognizes volunteerism through the ServeOhio Awards.**
- **Convenes and hosts the annual Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism.**
- **Develops and actively participates in partnerships that strengthen communities and expand volunteer participation.**

ServeOhio

- **To learn more about the Commission, including staff, Commission members, roles, and responsibilities, click the logo, below.**



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Ohio AmeriCorps

- **The 2014-2015 Ohio programs have approximately 800 AmeriCorps State members.**
- **In total, more than 1,300 AmeriCorps members will be placed in Ohio through AmeriCorps State, AmeriCorps National, and AmeriCorps VISTA programs.**
- **More than 11,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Ohio**
- **Current program directory may be found [here](#).**

Ohio AmeriCorps

- **AmeriCorps members focus their service in the areas of education, economic opportunity, healthy futures, veterans & military families, environmental stewardship, disaster services, and capacity building.**
- **AmeriCorps members across the country focus on similar issues.**
- **Some AmeriCorps members are part of national programs operating in Ohio.**

Managing Programs or Participation

- There are a number of resources available to you to manage your participation in AmeriCorps.
- [OnCorps](#)
- [MyAmeriCorps](#)
- [EnCorps](#) – member development and training
- [The Knowledge Network](#) – Program administration
- [ServeOhio](#)



MyAmeriCorps

- Important tool to use for program management.
- Program Directors, Coordinators, and AmeriCorps members should become familiar with the tool.
- MyAmeriCorps Training and Technical Assistance: [Click Here](#)

Websites

- **Corporation for National & Community Service:**
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/>
- **History of National Service:**
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/who-we-are/our-history/national-service-timeline>
- **National Service in Ohio:**
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/impact-our-nation/state-profiles/oh>
- **Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act:**
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/legislation/edward-m-kennedy-serve-america-act>
- **Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (ServeOhio):**
www.serveohio.org
- **The Knowledge Network**
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources>
- **MyAmeriCorps Training and Technical Assistance**
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/ameri-corps/myamericorps-support-ameri-corps-state-commission-and-sub-grantees-egrants>
- **Segal Education Award**
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps/segal-ameri-corps-education-award>