



Ohio AmeriCorps Check-In

April 13, 2020

Noon-1pm

Webinar



Welcome!

- Please post your name in the chat box and share a good book you've read recently.
- “The Mapping of Love and Death” in a series of historical mysteries.



ServeOhio strengthens communities through AmeriCorps and volunteer engagement.



Purpose

- Share updates from ServeOhio and CNCS
- Provide an opportunity to check-in and...
 - Ask questions
 - Share resources
 - Discuss challenges
- Other



ServeOhio Updates

- Facilitated Virtual Justice Talking Session
 - Date: Thursday, 4/16/20
1:30 – 3:00 PM
 - Registration: to register for the virtual JT session, please click this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-justice-talking-tickets-102262267194>
 - The event password is justicetalking.
 - We will provide the Zoom link prior to the meeting.
- [Program Director Resources page](#)
 - Continues to be updated with COVID-19 Information
- LeaderCorps Virtual Meeting
 - Wednesday April 15 at 2:30pm
- Formula Timeline
 - Clarification April 27-May 8

CNCS Update

- **FAQ #24. COVID-19 is impacting my ability to meet my match requirements. Will CNCS provide relief regarding this requirement?**
- CNCS is waiving all match requirements for all AmeriCorps State and National (ASN) cost reimbursement grants that were awarded in **FY 2019 and FY 2020**, including ASN grants that will be awarded during the remainder of FY 2020. CNCS has the authority to issue a blanket waiver under 42 U.S.C. § 12571(e)(4) and consistent with 45 CFR 2521.70 when CNCS “determines that such a waiver would be equitable due to lack of available financial resources at the local level.” ASN grantees who wish to take advantage of this waiver in full or part do not have to take any action at this time. CNCS will provide additional FAQs in the near future that outline the implementation process. [updated 4/9]
- This is GREAT news and more guidance coming this week.
- Send Chester a thank you 😊 Spellman, Chester CSpellman@cns.gov
 - Director | AmeriCorps State & National

CNCS Update

CNCS [General Program Questions Updated FAQ's](#)

- 4. Will I still qualify for forbearance if my term of service is in a Suspended Status, or if I am in an Administrative Hold status or on emergency leave, due to COVID-19?
- 5. Will I still qualify for interest accrual benefits if I was prevented from completing my full term of service due to COVID-19?



COVID-19 Documentation

- [Ohio AmeriCorps Member and Program Documentation Requirements](#)
 - As of April 13, 2020



Alternative Service Activity Highlights

- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Crisis Text Line – [Virtual Training and Volunteering](#)
- Ohio Department of Health's Ohio Medical Crisis Response Team and COVID-19 Hotline support
- Food delivery and referral
 - Meals on Wheels, foodbanks, schools, rec centers
- Senior supports - Senior Coprs, AAA
- Blood drive donation and coordination
- Mutual Aid Southeast – www.mutualaidhub.org



Alternative Service Activities

- Other ideas or suggestions?
- Drives- food, clothing, hygiene, protective gear
- Neighbor connections and check-ins
- LeaderCorps role?



Member Recruitment

- Status?
- Discussion



QUESTIONS?

- Clarify - When is the Q2 GPR due?
 - Q2 will be due July 15 and will include activities from January – June 2020.
 - If you submit a Q2 report this month, then Q3 will be due July 15 for activities April-June.



Resources/Challenges

- Anything to share -
 - What’s working well?
 - What do you need now? Soon?
- Weekly calls to continue
- And don’t forget to DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT and keep your Program Officers informed