Welcome!
Our session will begin in a few minutes.
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AmeriCorps 101 (Part 1) – The YouthBuild and AmeriCorps Partnership!

AmeriCorps 101 (Part 2) – AmeriCorps Member Files and Paperwork – Thursday August 15\textsuperscript{th} at 1 p.m.

An Introduction to systems, policies, and procedures
Before we begin

* All phones are muted (To keep the noise level down).

* The webinar is being recorded. An email will be sent after the webinar with a link to this recording, so that you can share this presentation with other interested staff at your program.

* We will be asking some questions to the group through our polling feature to keep the session interactive and lively. Be ready!
Before we begin: To participate

- Type in the Chat Box to send questions to us. We’ll try and field them as we go or answer them offline.
YouthBuild and AmeriCorps: A Great Partnership!
Agenda: AmeriCorps 101

* The YouthBuild Movement
* What is AmeriCorps?
* The History of AmeriCorps
* What National Service looks like today
* The YouthBuild AmeriCorps Partnership
* Quiz Time!
At the core, YouthBuild programs, get young people ages 16–24 to work toward their GED or high school diploma while learning job skills by building affordable housing for homeless and low-income people.
We can easily say that YouthBuild is many things...

- An alternative school
- A community service program
- A job training and pre-apprenticeship program
- A leadership development and civic engagement program
- A youth development program
- A long-term mini-community
- A community development program
There are now 278 YouthBuild programs in 46 states, Washington, DC, and the Virgin Islands.

Since 1990, 100,000 YouthBuild students have built 21,000 units of affordable housing.
The AmeriCorps Story and the History of America’s National Service

1933 – 2013
80 years of service
AmeriCorps
Rooted in America’s Tradition of Service

1933: Civilian Conservation Corps
1961: Peace Corps
1964: VISTA
1994: Corporation for National and Community Service
1933
President Roosevelt
Civilian Conservation Corps
President Harry S. Truman introduces the idea of rewarding individuals who serve their country with money for college.

The GI Bill
1950-1961
Engaging Americans

“Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”

Peace Corps
1960’s
Continuing A Legacy
President Johnson’s "War On Poverty"

1964
Domestic Volunteer Act
President Bush comments that individuals serving their neighbors are like “a thousand points of light”
President Clinton signs the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, creating AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National Service.
April 2009
The Serve America Act

- Signed into law April 21, 2009
- Landmark legislation to expand service
- Expands AmeriCorps to 250,000 members by 2017
- Priority focus on education, health, environment, veterans, and economic opportunity
July 15, 2013
President Obama Expands National Service Opportunities for Americans

• Supports new partnerships
• Expands Service Opportunities
• Utilize the American spirit of service
• Improve lives & communities
• Expand economic & educational opportunities
• Help individuals develop skills for long-term careers
• Build a pipeline to employment
Any questions so far?
National Service Programs Today

Corporation for National & Community Service

[Images of people engaged in community service activities]
Senior Corps

Seniors Providing Service To Communities Across America

• Foster Grandparent Program
• Senior Companion Program
• RSVP

Senior Corps: 500,000 Americans 55+
AmeriCorps

Service Initiatives that focus on:

- Education
- Health
- Environment
- Veterans
- Economic Opportunity

www.nationalservice.gov
AmeriCorps VISTA

- AmeriCorps’ poverty-fighting arm
- Created in 1964 as part of War on Poverty
- 7,200 members serve each year
- VISTAs collaborate with low-income individuals and communities to fight poverty
- Focus on capacity building: raising funds, recruiting volunteers, and designing sustainable programs
- More than 1,300 project sponsors
- Full-time year-long service
AmeriCorps NCCC

• Team-based residential service
• Focus on disaster response, environment, housing, and youth
• Teams travel to projects in neighboring states
• Open to 18-24 year-olds
• 1,100 members serve each year
• Members live on 5 campuses: Sacramento, CA; Denver, CO; Vinton, IA; Perry Point, MD and Vicksburg, MS
• Full-time 10-month service
AmeriCorps State and National

Largest branch of AmeriCorps

- About 80,000 members serve each year
- Members serve with more than 2,000 organizations
- Members address needs in education, environment, health, housing, disaster response and more
- Grantees include: national and local nonprofits, schools, and universities, public agencies, and Native American tribes
- Full-time and part-time opportunities
AmeriCorps Fast Facts

775,000: Number of people who have served as AmeriCorps members since 1994.

1 Billion: Total number of hours served by AmeriCorps members since 1994.

3.5 million: Number of disadvantaged youth tutored, mentored, or served by AmeriCorps members in fiscal 2011.

3.4 million: Number of community volunteers managed or mobilized by AmeriCorps members in fiscal 2011.

$2.2 billion: Total amount of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards earned by AmeriCorps members since 1994.

$7.6 billion: Amount of AmeriCorps funds invested in nonprofit, educational, and faith based community groups since 1994.
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YouthBuild AmeriCorps
Main Area of Direct Service
YouthBuild AmeriCorps members also spent time volunteering outside of their program at:

- Animal shelters
- Food pantries
- After-school programs
- Senior citizen facilities
- Hospitals
- City parks/wilderness trail work
- Furniture banks
- 501c3 YMCAs
- Non-profit Programs
AmeriCorps Member Slot Types and Service Lengths

Quarter Time (QT) = 450 hours
- Reduced Half-Time (RHT) = 675 hours
- Half-Time (HT) = 900 hours
- Full-Time (FT) = 1700 hours
Types of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards

QT = 450 HOURS = $1,468
RHT = 675 HOURS = $2,114
PT = 900 HOURS = $2,775
FT = 1700 HOURS = $5,550
Facts about Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards

• Must earn GED or H.S. Diploma to use award
• Members have 7 years to use the award
• Can be used for costs at qualified institutions of higher education, for educational training, or to repay qualified student loans
• Can be used towards paying for the “cost of attendance” such as tuition, books, transportation, room and board.
General Expectations of YouthBuild AmeriCorps Program Managers

☆ Incorporate AmeriCorps/Service into existing YouthBuild program structure

☆ Participate in National Service Days

☆ Implement systems to manage and retain required member paperwork including citizenship verification, and criminal background checks

☆ Track and report on objectives, successes and challenges

☆ Ensure students can successfully earn Segal Education Awards by providing plenty of service hour earning opportunities
What ways are does our program encourage our young people to promote service to others?

In what ways can we help our members connect their direct service to positive change in the community?

What new community partnerships can we create that help provide service opportunities and projects for our members?
Any questions so far?
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AmeriCorps Paperwork and Policies!

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