

Corporation for National & Community Service

- **Goals:** The Corporation’s mission is to provide opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to engage in service that addresses the nation’s educational, public safety, environmental, and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results and to encourage all Americans to engage in such service. In doing so, the Corporation will foster civic responsibility, strengthen the ties that bind us together as Americans, and provide educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service.
- **Affiliates, chapters and members:** We don’t have chapters or affiliates. We have state offices and grantees. Information on these can be found at our website, www.nationalservice.org
- **Best way to contact:** For information on specific programs, go to www.nationalservice.org, then the link to “national service in your state.” Click on the state you want, then the program (Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America). The organizations are listed alphabetically by city.
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- **Organization’s culture:** The Corporation for National and Community Service administers three main programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. These programs promote a culture of service and provide opportunities for Americans of all ages to get involved in their communities, helping communities address such problems as homelessness, hunger, disaster relief, homeland security, and environmental issues.
 - Senior Corps taps into the experience of older Americans. The volunteers undertake such activities as serving as tutors and mentors to children and youth and companions to frail elderly people. Senior Corps helps retired Americans remain active, contributing members of their communities while providing services community’s need.
 - AmeriCorps members range in age from 17 to their 80’s, but most are in their 20s. They sign up for a year of service that can involve anything from building homes with Habitat for Humanity to trail building in national parks. After a year of service, they receive an education award of \$4,725 that can be applied to tuition for college or graduate school or paying off student loans.
 - Learn and Serve America involves students at the elementary, secondary and higher education levels by promoting service-learning, a method that combines academic programs with community service. The students perform service projects that are related to their academic studies, enhancing their learning opportunities while addressing community issues. Service-learning students studying Spanish, for example, might help out a senior center with a large population of Spanish-speaking elderly. The students could practice the language while providing companionship to the seniors.
- **Resources available:** staff, site/facilities
- **Engagement program areas of interest:** Young children, health, teens, science/environment, rural, diversity, elderly, history..