



Early Childhood Programs Provide a Foundational Return on Investment.

Early childhood programs are critical to how AmeriCorps 'gets things done for America.' AmeriCorps offers transformative resources, including funding and AmeriCorps members, to address pressing challenges faced by young children through national service.

AmeriCorps and its partners focused on early childhood interventions help communities thrive by offering resources and services at a critical life stage of development. Early childhood programming includes home visitations and socio-emotional supports, literacy programs, one-on-one or small group tutoring, and more. AmeriCorps members engage communities and provide valuable resources to support early childhood development across the country.

Return on investment (ROI) analyses help quantify a program's benefits to its costs, assessing program performance and demonstrating value to stakeholders, while building the larger evidence base. Calculating ROI for AmeriCorps programs can entail looking at benefits (relative to costs) experienced by:

- AmeriCorps members, such as increases in their wages and educational attainment.
- Government, such as increases in tax revenue and programmatic savings.
- Society, such as improvements in student success and savings for social services programs.

Early childhood programs are investments in our collective future. These programs demonstrate positive child development outcomes and generate value from the resources invested in these programs. In terms of ROI:

- [Birth & Beyond Home Visitation](#) generates a return of **\$0.50 to \$2.11** per funder dollar invested.
- [Colorado Home Instruction for Parent of Preschool Youngsters](#) generates a return of **\$0.12 to \$6.77** per funder dollar invested.
- [Minnesota Reading Corps \(Kindergarten\)](#) generates a return of **\$5.47 to \$6.99** per funder dollar invested.

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The [AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation](#) assists AmeriCorps and its partners in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data and insights about AmeriCorps programs and civic life in America.

About AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, provides opportunities for Americans to serve their country domestically, address the nation's most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement. Each year, the agency places more than 200,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in intensive service roles; and empowers millions more to serve as long-term, short-term, or one-time volunteers. **Learn more at [AmeriCorps.gov](https://www.americorps.gov).**

