



## National Service in Delaware



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN DELAWARE

More than 3,400 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Delaware. Serving at more than 350 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$3,250,000 to support Delaware communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$2,130,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 140 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Delaware. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Serve Delaware - Governor's Commission on Community & Volunteer Service, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 2,400 Delaware residents have served more than 3.4 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$7,870,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 3,300 seniors in Delaware contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,400 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 310 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 210 groups across Delaware.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# Delaware At a Glance

<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	5	21	37	\$411,488	\$420,296 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	1	2	11	-	- <sup>4</sup>
AmeriCorps State Formula	4	25	93	\$516,518	\$530,486
AmeriCorps VISTA	2	4	3	\$17,105	\$48,810
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>\$945,110</b>	<b>\$999,592</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	1	76	352	-	\$521,472
RSVP	3	211	2,854	-	\$200,162
Senior Companion Program	1	17	106	-	\$342,575
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,064,209</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>356</b> <sup>5</sup>	<b>3,456</b>	<b>\$945,110</b>	<b>\$2,313,801</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$3,258,911</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$2,131,211</b> <sup>6</sup>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$5,390,122</b>

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2014 - 2015 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Delaware. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- Delaware is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in Perry Point, Maryland. In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Wilmington, Winterthur.
- The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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## AmeriCorps State

At Serve Delaware's 9/11 statewide service project, AmeriCorps members placed flags at hundreds of gravesites at a veterans' memorial cemetery and helped collect items for 10,000 service members overseas. In addition, Teach for America AmeriCorps members engaged their students in writing cards for soldiers, and Habitat for Humanity AmeriCorps members worked on a veteran's build and home rehab.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

To educate the future workforce in Delaware and close the skills-education gap, the Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO) has partnered with state agencies and non-profits to support the launch of the Success Pathways and Roads to Careers (SPARC) program. Currently being piloted in seven schools, the web-based SPARC program enables students to explore post-secondary options and engage with professionals in those fields. An AmeriCorps VISTA member played a critical role in recruiting and training volunteers and businesses to participate in the online platform, as well as to provide opportunities for job shadowing and career fairs. More than 90 businesses and 200 volunteers representing the diverse industries in Delaware are participating. The SPARC program will reach 1,750 student participants by June 2015, with the goal of a statewide rollout to all students in the 2015-16 school year.

The mentoring and technology center at Kingswood Community Center opened its doors in January 2015 to help close the digital divide and enable youth in northeast Wilmington to achieve their full potential. Developed in partnership with the Mike Clark Legacy Foundation, the center is modeled after the Skills Center at Fraim Boys and Girls Club. Both projects have been realized with support of AmeriCorps VISTA members playing a key role in renovation, partnerships and outreach, and program development. The newly renovated space serves as the home base for the KCC Mentoring and Technology Education Program, which utilizes a team mentoring approach where one mentor serves four students ages 10-17. The mentoring program will serve 12 youth in its inaugural year. The center offers additional activities and workshops to youth including STEM training, financial literacy, self-management and the arts.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

Habitat for Humanity New Castle County is a non-profit organization building about 21 sustainable homes per year for lower income families. HFHNCC uses the recourses of volunteer labor, homeowner sweat equity, and donated fund/materials. HFHCC is requesting an AmeriCorps NCCC team to assist with a seven townhouse development project in Cooper's Run located in Wilmington, DE. An AmeriCorps NCCC team provided a consistent team of volunteers who would accumulate skills as their work days with Habitat increase. This would speed up building and shorten the work schedule. Members will be working with Habitat construction staff, skilled volunteers and prospective homeowners to complete seven townhouses by September 2014.

Winterthur's mission is to inspire, enlighten, and delight all of its visitors while preserving and enhancing its buildings and landscape, its collections and programs, and its history as a great American country estate. An AmeriCorps NCCC team was responsible for enhancing access to Winterthur's woodland trail by removing invasive non-native plant species in support of staff Horticulturalists. This team cleared trail in Natural Outlying Areas through brush removal and mowing with sensitivity to native plant development and animal habitat. This team also helped construct deer "exclosure" fences at several locations at Winterthur. Deer "exclosures" fences are designed to keep deer out and allow native tree, shrub and herbaceous layer to establish themselves. The NCCC team also pruned, raked, weeded, and mulched as part of overall fall clean-up which has as a goal increasing the native plant population and maintaining and improving the water quality of Clenny Run, the stream that runs through the estate. Through their hard work, the NCCC team was able to make this bucolic garden available to many members of the public who otherwise would not have access to such a space.

## Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

For students who have fallen behind, the 239 Foster Grandparents sponsored by the Delaware State Office on Volunteerism represent an opportunity to close the gap academically and improve their social and emotional development. From July 2013 to June 2014, Foster Grandparents served more than 200,000 hours in elementary and pre-schools across the state, providing tutoring and mentoring to 1,434 children and youth. The average Foster Grandparents serves 20-30 hours per week, focusing on children 12 and under in need of educational support. The State of Delaware's Foster Grandparent Program continues to respond to new community needs, recently beginning to provide services at language immersion schools, where half of the instruction is taught in English and the other half in Spanish. The Foster Grandparents serving at these language immersion schools are bilingual, helping students to become proficient in both languages.

## Senior Corps RSVP

The Hope Medical Clinic is Delaware's only 100 percent free medical facility, offering non-emergency primary medical and dental care services to uninsured, non-Medicaid individuals age 18-65. Comprised entirely of volunteers, the staff includes internists, surgeons, family practice physicians, dentists, nurses and additional medical and office support staff. For the more than 3,200 patients, the clinic has offered access to medical treatment that was once out of reach. The total value of the free medical services provided is more than \$500,000. From July 2013 to June 2014, 22 RSVP volunteers contributed 1,614 hours of service to the clinic as leadership, medical and support staff. The Hope Medical Clinic was founded and has continued to expand with the support of the Modern Maturity Center, adding additional services to meet the needs of Delaware's uninsured citizens.

## Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

With respite care costs increasing, in-home care services are out of reach for much of Delaware's senior population. A report on the state of respite care in Delaware indicated that 53 percent of seniors surveyed could not afford the cost of respite care, forcing many to stay alone or rely on family for care. The First State Community Action Agency's Senior Companion Program focuses on those most vulnerable, the low-income frail and elderly that would not otherwise be able to access respite services. From July 2013 to June 2014, 12 Senior Companions provided respite care services four hours per day, five days per week. Thirteen low-income families received services, resulting in cost savings of more than \$300,000. First State Community Action Agency has proudly sponsored the Senior Companion Program in Delaware for more than 30 years.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	144	12
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	40	4

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Dover	DEDO*AmeriCorps (Current) Delaware Economic Development Office	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
Dover	DEDO*VISTA (Current) Delaware Economic Development Office	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Dover	Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs (Current) Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs	6	AmeriCorps State Formula
Georgetown	DE Habitat AmeriCorps (Current) Sussex County Habitat for Humanity	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	Habitat for Humanity New Castle County (February 27, 2015 - Current) Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Wilmington	Habitat for Humanity New Castle County (October 4 - November 4, 2014) Habitat for Humanity New Castle County	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Wilmington	Kingswood Community Center Mentoring Project (Current) Kingswood Community Center	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wilmington	Notre Dame AmeriCorps - Wilmington (Current) Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc.	3	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Public Allies Delaware (Current) Public Allies, Inc.	30	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	SCA Delaware (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Teach For America--Delaware (Current) Teach For America	59	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	The Caring Corps (Completed) Ministry of Caring Inc.	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	Widener Veterans Law Clinic (Current) Equal Justice Works	2	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Youth Ambassador Program (Completed) Connecting Generations	15	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	Child, Inc (Current) University of Maryland, Baltimore County	2	AmeriCorps National
Winterthur	Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library (October 20 - November 4, 2014) Winterthur Museum	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.  
The city column refers to the location of the sponsor organization. AmeriCorps members may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

# Senior Corps in Delaware



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	3,312	5
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Dover	Delaware FGP (Current) Delaware Commission on Community & Volunteer Service1	352	Foster Grandparent Program
Dover	RSVP of Kent County (Current) Modern Maturity Center Incorporated	754	RSVP
Georgetown	Kent/Sussex/New Castle SCP (Current) First State Community Action Agency	106	Senior Companion Program
Georgetown	RSVP of Sussex County (Current) Delaware Commission on Community & Volunteer Service1	1,200	RSVP
New Castle	New Castle County RSVP (Current) Delaware Commission on Community & Volunteer Service1	900	RSVP

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