



National Service in Delaware



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN DELAWARE

More than 1,300 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 210 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 \$3,650,000 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 \$3,950,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars. Nationwide, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in FY 2015.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 160 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 2,500 Delaware residents have served more than 3.6 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$8,610,000.

Senior Corps: More than 1,100 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 130 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 or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Delaware At a Glance



AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	5	21	35	\$417,865	\$404,858 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	1	1	5	\$28,875	\$64,192
AmeriCorps State Formula	5	42	116	\$645,776	\$742,509
AmeriCorps VISTA	3	7	6	\$34,425	\$97,986
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	14	71	162	\$1,126,941	\$1,309,545
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	1	77	280	-	\$521,472
RSVP	1	217	754	-	\$99,734
Senior Companion Program	1	17	109	-	\$342,575
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	3	311	1,143	-	\$963,781
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
PROGRAM TOTALS	18	382 ⁴	1,305	\$1,126,941	\$2,523,326
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$3,650,267
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$3,956,803 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$7,607,070

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.

- ¹ This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2015 - 2016 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- ² 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.
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- ⁵ 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 or other revenue used to support their programming activities across the state. Last year, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources.

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State Commission

Serve Delaware, the Governor's Commission on Community and Volunteer Service, currently manages a portfolio of six AmeriCorps programs, five formula grants and one competitive grant. During the 2014-2015 program year in Delaware, 113 AmeriCorps members participated in CNCS funded programs and 2,351 individuals and families were directly served in the areas of economic opportunity, education, job readiness, transitional and affordable housing, substance abuse prevention, and veterans' services. Although Delaware is a small state with a population of less than one million, the impact of volunteerism is large. The Commission supports an annual statewide volunteerism conference and the Governor sponsors two events honoring volunteers.

AmeriCorps VISTA

To educate the future workforce in Delaware and close the skills-education gap, the Delaware Economic Development Office has partnered with state agencies and nonprofits 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 and provide opportunities for job shadowing and career fairs. More than 90 businesses and 200 volunteers are participating. The SPARC program reached 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 & Girls Club. Both projects have the 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

An AmeriCorps NCCC team partnered with the Sussex County Habitat for Humanity (SCHFH) in Georgetown to complete home repairs for individuals living in owner-occupied substandard housing. The team helped build and work on houses at various levels of completion. The team worked with three families who will receive homes from SCHFH, and helped work on homes for several other families. AmeriCorps members helped build a shed, weatherize three homes, and paint trim, walls, and doors. Members installed electrical wiring, windows, blinds and doors. Members also completed roofing, channeling, and siding. Lastly, members removed debris from the work sites and helped supervise and coordinate 70 volunteers from three different volunteer groups. The team also worked with the local Boys and Girls Club in Georgetown.

In partnership with Delaware State Parks in Dover, two AmeriCorps NCCC teams assisted the program with trail maintenance, natural areas projects, and building and maintaining new and existing features. The mission of the program is to provide Delaware residents and visitors with safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities and open spaces, responsible stewardship of the lands and cultural and natural resources, and resource-based interpretive and educational services. One team cleared trails of invasive species and trash, built and maintained equipment, shoveled mulch around trees and flower beds, and removed snow markers at North Inlet Campground at the Seashore and Bellevue State Park. The other team provided service at the Brandywine Zoo, White Clay Creek State Park, and Trap and Killens Ponds. Members shoveled snow and ice at the Zoo and dug trenches in the pygmy goat habitat. At the state park, the team put together benches and removed old fences and barbed wire. At Trap Pond, the team removed logs and fallen branches from a tent campsite loop. At Killens Pond, members mulched garden beds, completed trail maintenance and cleaned up trash at Fork Branch.

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 Grandparent serves 20-30 hours per week, focusing on children 12 and under in need of educational support. The program continues to respond to new community needs, recently beginning to provide FGP 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 the state's only 100 percent free medical facility, offering non-emergency primary medical and dental care services to uninsured, non-Medicaid individuals ages 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 uninsured citizens.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

With respite care costs increasing, in-home care services are out of reach for much of the state's senior population. A report on the state of respite care in Delaware indicated that 53 percent of those 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 over \$300,000. First State Community Action Agency has proudly sponsored the Senior Companion Program for over 30 years.

AmeriCorps in Delaware



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)	162	14
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	64	8

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Dover	AmeriCorps State Parks Partners -Competitive (Current) Division of Parks and Recreation	5	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Dover	DEDO*AmeriCorps (Completed) 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 (Completed) Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs	6	AmeriCorps State Formula
Dover	Delaware Division of Libraries (Current) Delaware Division of Libraries	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Georgetown	DE Habitat AmeriCorps (Completed) Sussex County Habitat for Humanity	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
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Georgetown	Habitat for Humanity Sussex County (June 15 - July 10, 2015) Habitat for Humanity Sussex County	5	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Georgetown	Habitat for Humanity Sussex County (October 5 - November 6, 2015) Habitat for Humanity Sussex County	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Wilmington	Great Oaks-Wilmington Tutor Corps (Current) Great Oaks Foundation Inc	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	Habitat for Humanity New Castle County (February 27 - April 17, 2015) Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Wilmington	Kingswood Community Center Mentoring Project (Completed) Kingswood Community Center	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wilmington	Ministry of Caring AmeriCorps Program (Current) Ministry of Caring Inc.	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	Notre Dame AmeriCorps - Wilmington (Current) Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc.	3	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Public Allies Delaware (Current) Public Allies, Inc.	29	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Reading Assist Institute Reading Intervention Tutor Program (Current) Reading ASSIST Institute	15	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	SCA Delaware (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Teach For America--Delaware (Current) Teach For America	47	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wilmington	TeenSHARP, Inc. (Current) TeenSHARP, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wilmington	Widener Veterans Law Clinic (Current) Equal Justice Works	1	AmeriCorps National
Wilmington	Child, Inc (Current) University of Maryland, Baltimore County	2	AmeriCorps National
Winterthur	Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library (October 26 - November 6, 2015) 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 February 22, 2016)	1,143	3
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	2,100	2

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Dover	Delaware FGP (Current) Delaware Commission on Community and Volunteer Service	280	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	109	Senior Companion Program
Georgetown	RSVP of Sussex County (Completed) Delaware Commission on Community and Volunteer Service	1,200	RSVP
New Castle	New Castle County RSVP (Completed) Delaware Commission on Community and Volunteer Service	900	RSVP

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

Other Programs in Delaware



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
New Castle	State Administrative Grant (Current) Governor's Commission on Community & Volunteer Service	State Commission Operations Support