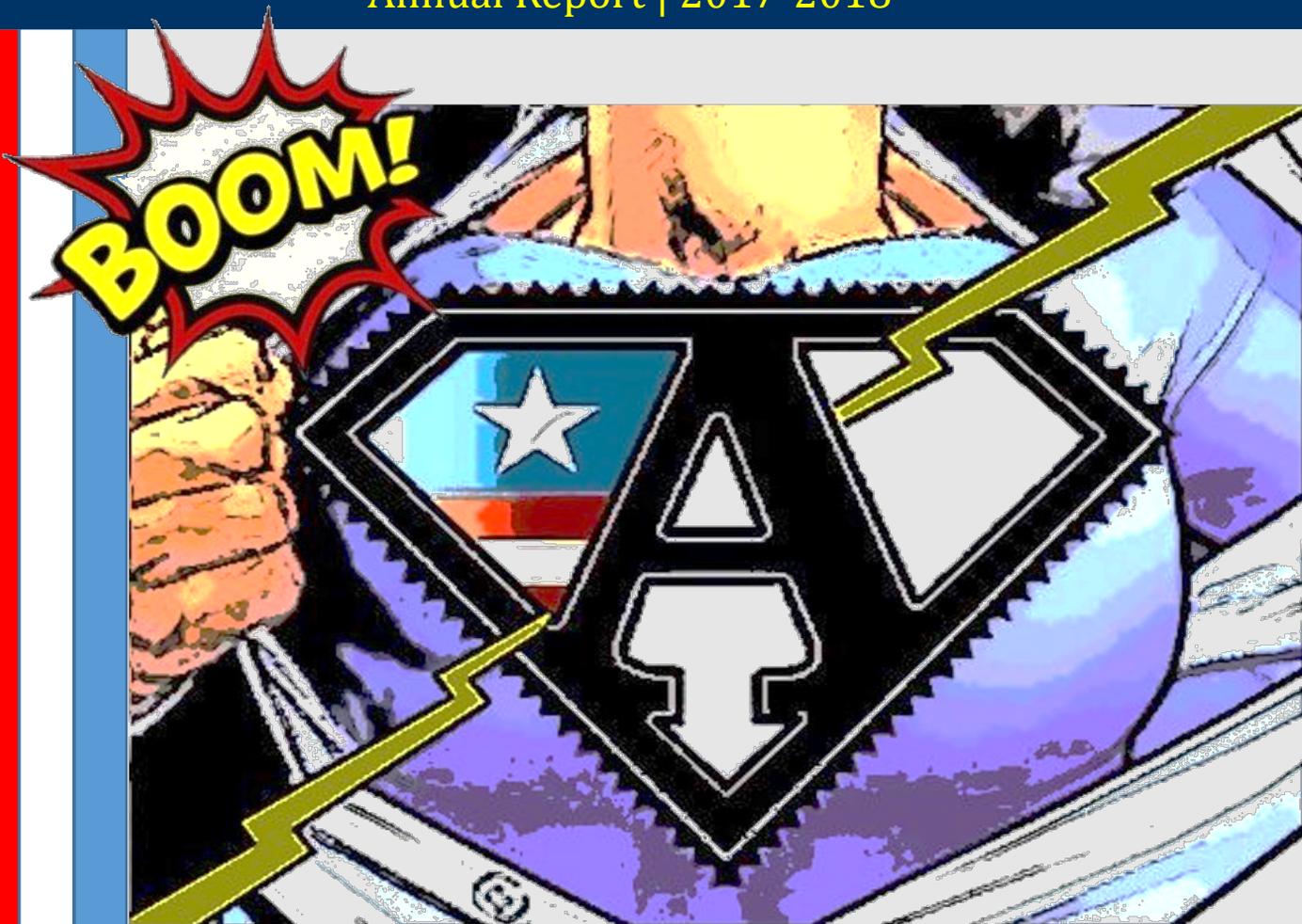


MISSOURI COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

To Strengthen Missouri Communities Through Volunteerism and Service



Annual Report | 2017-2018



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Message from the Commissioner Chair



Dear Friends,

As the Chair of the Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) during program year 2017-2018, it is an honor to highlight national service and the impact our Missouri programs have in our communities. Each year, we publish the Annual Report to recognize AmeriCorps programs around the state who continue to get things done. They provide valuable services to Missouri citizens in the areas of education, economic development, and environmental stewardship just to name a few.

The MCSC has been diligent in ensuring that its portfolio of AmeriCorps programs continue to provide the framework to break the cycle of poverty through educating/mentoring school age youth. Our programs support veterans and their families, they address food insecurities, and help build healthy communities. AmeriCorps Members are helping communities work together to become a better place to live!

National service, with the assistance of AmeriCorps Members, has become the answer for non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and local governments in addressing and meeting the needs of communities who have limited resources; but pressing needs. AmeriCorps leverages public and private dollars providing the opportunity for diverse community groups to invest in their communities.

I commend all our Missouri AmeriCorps programs and their Members for their commitment to service and we hope you enjoy reviewing the 2017-2018 Annual Report of the Missouri Community Service Commission.

Sincerely,

Russ Unger
Chairman



Message from the Executive Director



On behalf of the Missouri Community Service Commission and our Missouri AmeriCorps Programs, we are honored to submit this annual report for 2017-2018. This past year has provided a number of challenges and opportunities for our state commission and for our programs as they work to “Strengthen Missouri Communities through Volunteerism and Service”. Through intentional work and partnerships that encourage and strengthen opportunities for volunteerism, AmeriCorps continues to address the most pressing local needs by getting things done.

Over the past year, we have seen firsthand the amazing impact that our programs make every day in people’s lives. Our diverse group of programs continue to provide opportunities in disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy commission futures, and for veterans and military families. We are delighted to report to you that the MCSC and our 21 programs across Missouri are thriving because of their commitment to service and collaboration.

This past year, the Commission and the AmeriCorps programs have expanded working relationships with local, state, and national organizations. These relationships have renewed efficiency of services provided to Missouri communities and maximized the impact of those services. Through working with our federal partners, funding for our programs is stronger than ever and we are able to bring additional training resources to our staff, programs and Members.

Through continued service at the local level, the Commission is confident that the legacy of national service is carried on by connecting Missourians of all ages and backgrounds in an effort to improve unmet community needs through direct and tangible service. It is an honor to present this annual report and the contributions and investment it reflects.

Thank you to all who have made it possible. We look forward to our future opportunities to work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Stamper". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Don Stamper
Executive Director



MCSC Board Commissioners



Russ Unger, Chair
Program Committee



John Albright, Vice Chair
Legislative Educ. Chair



Michael Parson
Governor



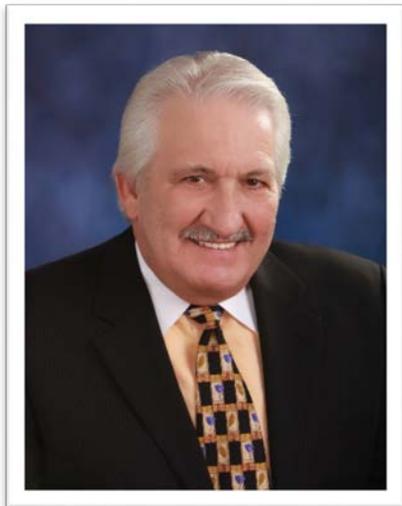
Maggie Garvey
Ex-Officio



**Cheryl Hibbeler, Service
& Development Chair**



Cindy Heislen
Proxy/DESE Commissioner



Forrest Miller
Public Relations Chair



Nina North Murphy
Commissioner



Janis VanMeter
Commissioner

Past MCSC Board Commissioners who Served During PY 2017-18



Nicole Roach
Former Program Committee
Chair

Reena Hajat Carroll
Former Commissioner



A Door of Opportunity

AmeriCorps was created as a result of the National and Community Service Act drafted by a bipartisan coalition of Members of Congress in June of 1993. The bill was later signed into law on September 21, 1993. The legislation created the Corporation for National and Community Service to administer AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the existing national service programs of VISTA and Senior Corps.



The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) was created by the Missouri Legislature in 1994. MCSC is housed within the Missouri Department of Economic Development-Business and Community Solutions (formerly known as "*Business and Community Services*"). By Statute, it is composed of 15-25 commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.



The Missouri Community Service Commission receives funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service and Missouri General Revenue. Funding is used to support operations and administer grants to the AmeriCorps programs. In order to strengthen the public-private partnership, all programs must leverage other funds in addition to the federal funds received.



About Us

The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) is a pass-through state agency that receives federal funds from the Corporation of National and Community Service (CNCS) and is responsible for administering those funds to support organizations who address an unmet need in their communities. Those needs are so significant that it hinders communities from thriving and reaching their fullest potential. Focus areas established by CNCS and adopted by the MCSC are: Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, and Veterans and Military Families. The MCSC accomplishes these tasks by providing oversight and compliance, technical assistance, and support to its portfolio of programs.

The MCSC and the Missouri AmeriCorps programs supports the movement of National Service through various recognition events as listed below:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: Each year, on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is observed as a "**day on, not a day off.**" MLK Day of Service is intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance: This is the culmination of efforts that promotes community service on 9/11 as an annual and forward-looking tribute to the 9/11 victims, survivors, and those who rose up in service in response to the attacks.

AmeriCorps Week: This is the opportunity to make new National Service friends and share important stories across the country. The focus is to show how AmeriCorps has transformed lives and communities.

National Service Recognition Day: Local leaders across the country honor AmeriCorps Members and Senior Corps volunteers by participating in recognition events, issuing official proclamations, and taking to social media in a nationwide show of appreciation.

The MCSC is also responsible for recognizing outstanding volunteerism and service from not only AmeriCorps Members but high school students, and other Missouri citizens by hosting an annual awards ceremony.

Milestones

In 2017-2018, the Corporation for National and Community Service invested **\$6,468,914** into Missouri communities. These federal monies were awarded to qualifying agencies through a competitive application process administered by the Missouri Community Service Commission, located within the Department of Economic Development. As a result of this investment, those organizations leveraged an additional **\$5,884,980** creating public-private partnerships to sustain communities. Below are just some of the accomplishments of Missouri AmeriCorps Members.



686 AmeriCorps Members served 759,961 hours in program year 2017-18



203 service sites were located throughout Missouri communities

Approximately \$2,482,359 in education awards was earned by AmeriCorps Members



AmeriCorps Members recruited 7,283 volunteers who participated in various service projects. These volunteers served a total of 55,824 hours!



123 Veterans were served by AmeriCorps Members



2,079 Veteran and Military families were served by AmeriCorps Members

1,785 individuals applied to serve as AmeriCorps Members in Missouri

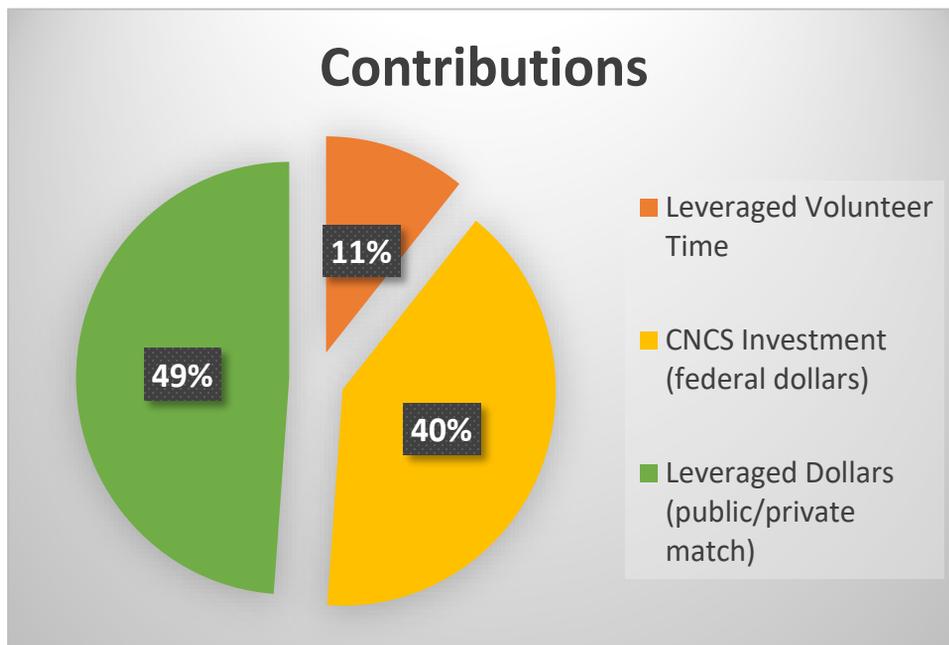


Investments

In program year 2017-2018, the Corporation for National and Community Service awarded **\$4,869,127** to the Missouri Community Service Commission to provide funding to sub-grantees to implement an AmeriCorps program. Additionally, these organizations leveraged monies to ensure Missouri citizens were receiving quality services. These organizations also leveraged volunteer time that connected residents to additional resources. Volunteers sparked a motivation throughout the communities, encouraging the individuals being served to become volunteers.

During program year 2017-2018, AmeriCorps Members recruited **7,283** non-AmeriCorps volunteers who served a total of **55,824** hours. Based on the “Value of Volunteer Time” by the **Independent Sector** (which can be determined at the following site- http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time) the value of volunteer hours leveraged by AmeriCorps Members in the State of Missouri for 2017 was \$23.21 per hour. This equates to **\$1,295,675**.

The collective value of volunteer time plus in-kind and cash leverage totaled **\$7,180,655**. Leveraged dollars and volunteer time exceeded the CNCS investment by 20 percent.



AmeriCorps Programs Getting Things Done in Missouri



AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps (ACSTL)



WILDLAND FIRE AND PRESCRIBED BURNING

ACSTL supported state partners with wildland fires across state parks, conservation areas and national forests. The Forest Service burned just over 30,000 acres across the Mark Twain National Forest this fire season. ACSTL assisted with prescribed burns on over 10,000 of those acres. All of their Members were able to assist with burns across Missouri, including 3 wildfires that totaled 1,035 acres.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Environmental Stewardship projects during PY 2017-18 included invasive species removal, trail construction and trail maintenance, hazard tree removal, fire line construction, prescribed burns and wildland fire suppression, tree planting, facilities maintenance, and more.

Stewardship Partners:

Federal:

- Mark Twain National Forest
- Shawnee National Forest
- Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

State:

- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Non-profit:

- Forest Park Forever
- Great Rivers Greenway
- Ozark Trail Association

DISASTER RESPONSE

Due to the catastrophic hurricane season last year, they were asked to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma in Florida and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. They were deployed for extended periods of time, from November through July.

☐ **Puerto Rico: November 22, 2017 – July 25, 2018**

In Puerto Rico, ACSTL was fundamental in initiating the VALOR program which supported voluntary agencies with federally funded supplies to expedite repairs for survivors to return home.

☐ **Florida: November 5, 2017 – March 31, 2018**

In Florida, ACSTL assisted the FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaisons in capturing the needs of critical populations and linking them with social services in the local community. They also provided the management team for field crews conducting tree removal, muck and gutting, and roof tarping.

☐ **Malden, Missouri: February 27, 2018 – March 3, 2018**

AmeriCorps St. Louis responded to a local tornado in Malden, MO. As the state agency lead for volunteer management, ACSTL developed the Volunteer Reception Center to match volunteers with community needs and supported the Multi-Agency Resource Center for survivor needs.

AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps

1315 Ann Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63104

(314) 772-9002

<https://www.americorpstl.org/>

ACSTL AmeriCorps Members



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central MO (BBBS)



- Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) was awarded five (5) full-time AmeriCorps Members in program year 2017-18 to assist in administering services to the community.
- AmeriCorps Members recruited, enrolled, and trained 126 new Big Brothers/Big Sisters in the central Missouri area.
- AmeriCorps Members also helped host nine (9) match events including a very successful Back-to-School Night which enabled BBBS to provide 75 families with everything listed on their child's school supply list.
- AmeriCorps Members co-hosted a Mentor Appreciation Night and participated in two (2) service days in remembrance of the events that took place on 9/11 and, in recognition of the importance of service on Martin Luther King's days of service. Members also prepared and served breakfast for the firefighters of Station 7 on the morning of 9/11/17.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri

4250 E. Broadway, Suite 1067

Columbia, MO 65201

(573) 874-3677

<http://www.bigsofcentralmo.org/>

Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA)



In 2017, 5,141 Missouri children were victims of child abuse and neglect resulting in devastating consequences for children not given the opportunity to heal from the abuse. CAPA's AmeriCorps Program works to prevent and treat the impact of child abuse, neglect and other crime related traumas. CAPA provides children and families the tools needed to surmount trauma and live healthy lives. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of the individuals served by AmeriCorps Members made quantifiable progress in their treatment goals. This indicates that children and families are experiencing increased resiliency skills and progress on their healing journey.



Child Abuse Prevention Association

503 East 23rd Street
Independence, MO 64055
(816) 252-8388
<http://capacares.org/>

City Year Kansas City



- City Year is an education focused non-profit fueled by National Service. City Year Kansas City is dedicated to helping students and schools succeed. Diverse teams of City Year AmeriCorps Members serve full-time, as near-peer role models, tutors, and mentors, in high-poverty urban schools. Focusing on the 3rd through 10th grades, AmeriCorps Members provide high impact classroom and school-wide support in attendance, social-emotional learning, and course performance to help students stay in school and on track to graduate.
- In the 2017-2018 program year, City Year Kansas City deployed 58 AmeriCorps Members to six (6) Kansas City schools including: Central Academy of Excellence, Central Middle School, East High School, the Ewing Marion Kauffman School, Northeast High School, and Northeast Middle School. As part of the program's work in these schools, 47% of students mentored by City Year showed growth in their attendance from the previous year. Additionally, 63% of the students showed gains in their social-emotional learning skills (including self-awareness, relationship development, and goal-directed behavior). In course performance, 41% of students tutored by City Year also improved their grade level of D or F to a grade of C or above in English/Language Arts. In Math, 54% of the tutored students moved from a grade of D or F to a grade of C or above.

City Year Kansas City

415 Delaware Street, 3rd Floor

Kansas City, MO 64105

(816) 841-3560

<https://www.cityyear.org/kansas-city/>

CLAIM



- CLAIM AmeriCorps Members assist Medicare beneficiaries in making informed decisions about Medicare and related health insurance needs. Members also provided Senior Enrichment classes in senior housing facilities.
- CLAIM AmeriCorps Members provided 2,730 counseling sessions to Missourians in program year 2017, helping them to understand and maximize their Medicare benefits to which they were entitled. CLAIM's goal for educating and reaching out to the community about its services was to reach 24,700 Medicare beneficiaries and/or their care givers. CLAIM reached 27,689 beneficiaries (112% of our goal).

Snapshot of Impact: One person who began receiving Medicare was paying \$1,300 per month in insurance premiums. A trained CLAIM AmeriCorps Member signed the client up for a prescription drug plan and helped her sign up for a Medigap plan in addition to her Medicare Parts A & B. Her total monthly premium was reduced to \$325 per month for an annual savings of \$11,700.



CLAIM

47215 Phillips Farm Road, Suite 101-B

Columbia, MO 65201

(573) 817-8300

<https://primaris.org/claim/>

College Bound



- In program year 2017-18, College Bound St. Louis (CB) had 18 full-time AmeriCorps Members serving over 600 St. Louis area students from under-resourced backgrounds to help them obtain a college degree and prepare for sustaining careers. The AmeriCorps Members supported the delivery of academic enrichment, social support, college knowledge, and life skills to degree-seeking students. This was accomplished by providing individual coaching and mentoring. They also assisted in delivering curricula at College Bound's community office and at St. Louis Community College.
- Students often lack the resources to navigate their entry into the college system. College Bound's AmeriCorps Members provide real time guidance in the process of applying for college, completing forms for financial aid, and connecting with college resources to help in the transition to the campus. As result, 75 students were enrolled in college with a financial package that will meet their need.



College Bound

110 North Jefferson
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 361-4441

<https://www.collegeboundstl.org/>

Harvesters- The Community Food Network

Harvesters-The Community Food Network was awarded five (5) AmeriCorps Member positions to provide volunteer and community mobilization, and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) outreach throughout their 10 county service area in Northwest Missouri. By the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps Members were responsible for increasing households' access to food through SNAP benefits and increasing the amount of donated nutritious food available for distribution to those in need. In addition, the Harvesters' AmeriCorps Members leveraged an additional 805 volunteers who were engaged in processing and re-packaging donated food for distribution to individuals and families.



Harvesters

3801 Topping Avenue

Kansas City, MO 64129

(816) 929-3085

<https://www.harvesters.org/>

International Institute of St. Louis

AmeriCorps Members of the International Institute of St. Louis AmeriCorps Program help refugees rebuild their lives, integrate into their new communities, and become self-sufficient as soon as possible. Members are assigned to areas including cultural orientation, education, employment, child services, economic development, medical services, and social work. They serve in a variety of capacities which may include: coordinate orientation for new arrivals, link clients to services, schedule medical appointments, enroll children in school, teach life skills, help with job preparation, coordinate volunteers, and assist with special events.



**INTERNATIONAL
INSTITUTE**
SAINT LOUIS

International Institute of St. Louis

3401 Arsenal Street
St. Louis, MO 63118
(314) 773-9090
<http://www.iistl.org/>



Jumpstart

Jumpstart

Children first.®

- Jumpstart enrolled 162 AmeriCorps Members in program year 2017-18. These Members delivered services through an evidence-based early education program to at least 392 children in the Kansas City and Columbia, Missouri areas.
- The AmeriCorps Members were responsible for improving Kindergarten readiness for 392 children by building the language and literacy skills needed to succeed in kindergarten. In addition, the Jumpstart AmeriCorps Members leveraged an additional 173 volunteers who were engaged in service projects that benefitted not only the preschool children receiving services but their families as well.



Jumpstart

Student Success Center, Room 201G
909 Lowry Mall
Columbia, MO 65211
(573) 882-5440
<https://career.missouri.edu/jumpstart/>

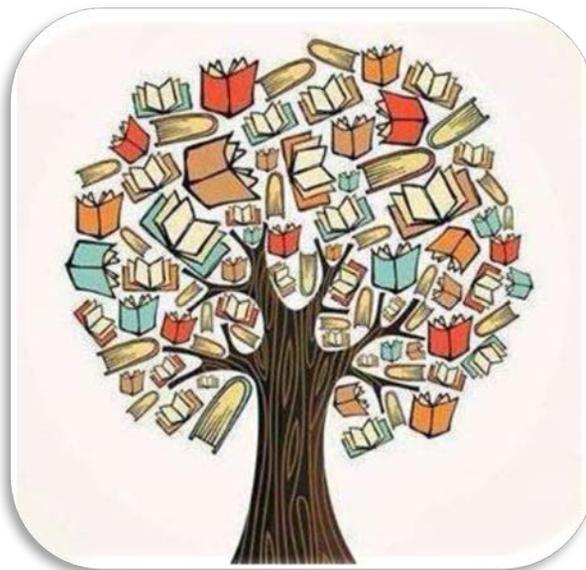
Jumpstart

4825 Troost, Suite 215
Kansas City, MO 64110
(816) 235-1003
<https://www.umkc.edu/asm/jumpstart/>

Laclede Literacy Council



- The Literacy Volunteers of America- Laclede Literacy Council enrolled five (5) AmeriCorps Members who provided tutoring services for economically disadvantaged adults and out-of-school youth ages 16 and over. These individuals needed to increase their skills in literacy or math to help them improve their opportunities to be employed. Tutoring sessions occurred in the Lebanon-Laclede County Library Offices in Lebanon, Missouri. The AmeriCorps Members tutored a minimum of 100 individuals who showed a 6-month increase in literacy and/or math skills.
- In addition, the AmeriCorps Members served with and/or leveraged an additional 165 volunteers who were also engaged in tutoring services for this population which resulted in some of them obtaining their GED.



Laclede Literacy Council

539 Elm Street, Suite A
Lebanon, MO 65536
(417) 532-6697

<https://www.lacledeliteracycouncil.com/>

Mission: St. Louis



- Mission: St. Louis enrolled 16 AmeriCorps Members in program year 2017-18 to help administer their Beyond School program. With this program, the Members focused on strengthening relationships with the families of the students served and improving relationships with partners in the community.
- The AmeriCorps Members also provided direct services to youth in partner schools at St. Louis College Prep and St. Louis Language Immersion School: The Spanish School. Mission: St. Louis enlisted the help of AmeriCorps Members to improve the academic performance in literacy (2 months growth for every month in the program) of 90 economically disadvantaged 3rd to 9th graders.
- The AmeriCorps Members also leveraged an additional 236 volunteers who were engaged in academic mentoring services.



Mission St. Louis

3108 North Grand Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63107

(314) 534-1188

<https://www.missionstl.org/>

Missouri College Advising Corps

Missouri College
Advising Corps™

Headquartered at the University of Missouri

- The Missouri College Advising Corps (MCAC) is a full-time college access and advising program headquartered at the University of Missouri-Columbia (MU). MCAC college advisers are AmeriCorps Members who are trained to help students – particularly low income, first-generation-college students and underrepresented students – to view a college degree as attainable, identify their best fit postsecondary institution, and navigate college admissions and financial aid processes. They also take students on campus tours to provide them an opportunity to experience college life.
- In the 2017-18 program year, AmeriCorps Members held 46,501 one-on-one advising sessions with 7,498 high school seniors; helped seniors submit 17,394 college applications; assisted 7,425 seniors in registering for the SAT/ACT; helped 4,997 seniors submit the FAFSA; and supported seniors in securing \$117 million in institutional aid and scholarships.



Missouri College Advising Corps

1110 South College Avenue
Columbia, MO 65211

(573) 882-3539

<https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-college-advising-corps>

Missouri River Communities Network

The Missouri River Communities Network (MRCN) was assisted by ten (10) AmeriCorps Members who educated individuals about garden based nutrition to six (6) locations in five (5) communities in Missouri including: Ashland, Columbia, Kansas City, Kirksville, and Wildwood. With the help of the Members, MRCN's intent was to reach their goal at the end of the program year to make more than 800 garden based nutrition education presentations to over 6,500 students. In addition, the AmeriCorps Members leveraged an additional 699 volunteers who provided more than 5,000 hours of service engaged in mentoring young students on how to grow food in their school gardens, harvesting and preparing the food they have grown, expanding outdoor garden classrooms, and providing assistance to maintain a healthy garden space. These services are provided through MRCN's Missouri Healthy Food Access and Education AmeriCorps Program.



Missouri River Communities Network

200 Old 63 South, Suite 203
Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 256-2602
<https://www.moriver.org/>

PAVE AmeriCorps (Partners Actively Volunteering in Education)



- PAVE AmeriCorps Members provided academic support in math and reading for Kindergarten through 12th grade students. Additionally, PAVE provided increased opportunities for physical activities targeting Kindergarten through eighth grade students of the Eldon School District.
- In addition to PAVE's primary mission, PAVE AmeriCorps Members were extremely active in the afterschool program where they supported enrichment activities and events throughout the year. Below is a list some of their favorite activities:

- ✓ Art Auction
- ✓ Eldon High School College and Career Fair
- ✓ Good Deeds Day
- ✓ MLK Day of Service/Family Night
- ✓ Paint the Town Red
- ✓ Reading in the Park
- ✓ Turkey Festival



PAVE AmeriCorps

112 S. Pine Street
Eldon, MO 65026

(573) 392-8060; ext. 1542

<https://paveamericorps.weebly.com/>

PAVE AmeriCorps Members



Poplar Bluff's Promise

POPLAR BLUFF'S PROMISE

THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH

- Poplar Bluff's Promise (located within the Poplar Bluff R-I School District) enrolled 31 AmeriCorps Members who tutored students from Kindergarten to 12th grade during and after school. Members served in six (6) elementary and middle schools; in addition to one after school program. By the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps Members were responsible for 560 students enrolled in the tutoring program; 392 students completing the program; and 352 students with improved academic performance and academic engagement (having an impact on reducing discipline referrals and encouraging positive behavior changes toward learning).
- In addition, the AmeriCorps Members leveraged an additional 66 volunteers who were engaged in supporting Member activities in direct service: including tutoring, special program interventions, and enrichments.



Poplar Bluff's Promise

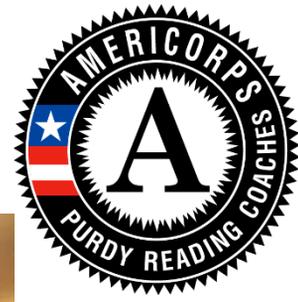
1110 North Westwood Boulevard

Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

(573) 785-7751

https://www.poplarbluffschoools.net/parent_resources/programs_and_services/ameri_corps

Purdy Reading Coaches



- The Purdy Reading Coaches provided one-on-one literacy based tutoring for students in Kindergarten to 5th grade. Sessions were held five (5) days a week for 30 minutes. These sessions addressed the primary building blocks for reading including alphabetic principle, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency and comprehension.
- In addition to their primary focus, the AmeriCorps Members also dedicated their time to meeting other needs in their community. Projects included, rehabbing picnic tables that were covered in graffiti, packing food boxes at various locations for families in need, conducting a campus-wide food drive and sponsoring a Buy-One-Get-One FREE book fair for the students they serve.



Purdy Reading Coaches

201 South Gabby Gibbons Drive
Purdy, MO 65734
(417) 442-3217; ext. 7
<https://sites.google.com/a/purdyk12.com/sandbox-v2/home/programs-services/ameri-corps>

Teach for America- Missouri

Teach For America-Missouri (TFA-MO) filled 136 AmeriCorps Member position who were essentially responsible for teaching in approximately 70 low-income and disadvantaged schools. These Members committed to teaching at least two (2) years in schools located in the St. Louis and Kansas City areas. TFA-MO Members served beyond traditional expectations to help their students achieve at high levels.

These AmeriCorps Members were responsible for increasing the academic achievement of 6,665 students in the classrooms and schools where they served. In addition to serving students, the Members leverages an additional 992 volunteers who were engaged in furthering student growth and teacher development.

TEACHFORAMERICA

Teach for America- Kansas City

2000 Baltimore Avenue, 3rd Floor

Kansas City, MO 64108

(816) 753-0774; ext. 32106

<https://www.teachforamerica.org/where-we-work/kansas-city>

Teach for America- St. Louis

1204 Washington Avenue, Suite 300

St. Louis, MO

(314) 621-9100; ext. 49146

<https://www.teachforamerica.org/where-we-work/st-louis>

The Biome School



SUMMARY OF SERVICES

AmeriCorps Members who served at The Biome School during this program year were instrumental in helping to create a smoother and more effective classroom and school community. On a daily basis, the Members supported teachers and the Kindergarten to 3rd grade level children in the classroom. They also provided supports to the before and afterschool program. Other program services AmeriCorps Members provided to beneficiaries included: one-on-one and small group math and reading tutoring sessions, assisted in delivering school-wide character development curriculum, helped plan and implemented field experiences and parent engagement events, and took the lead on starting a variety of programs to enrich The Biome's school community. This initiative is called the 'Paths to Success AmeriCorps Program'.

FEATURED ACTIVITY/ACCOMPLISHMENT

In addition to helping teachers run a smoother classroom schedule, the AmeriCorps Members made The Biome School a more fun and engaging place for children. One example of this is a new tennis program started by one of the Members. Without being asked to do so, Trent Purnell came up with a plan to start a tennis program, and wrote a grant to the United States Tennis Association. The grant was awarded to The Biome which made it possible to purchase new rackets and balls for The Biome's students. At least one day per week, Trent taught the students tennis. Due to his forward thinking and passion, The Biome now has a relationship with a national funding organization and the children are learning a sport which most of them had no prior exposure. The Biome School has since hired Trent to be their full-time "Mind and Movement Leader" (also known as the Physical Education Teacher) and Tennis Coach!

The Biome School

4471 Olive Street

St. Louis, MO 63108

(314) 531-0982

<https://thebiomeschool.org/>

The Biome AmeriCorps Members



The Literacy Lab- Kansas City



THE LITERACY LAB

- In the 2017-18 program year, Literacy Lab AmeriCorps Members provided individualized literacy interventions to more than 400 low-income students from age three through grade 3 in Kansas City. The Literacy Lab- Kansas City exceeded their goal by over 70%.
- AmeriCorps Members supported students in six (6) early childhood centers and elementary schools and provided over 12,500 tutoring sessions. Members also leveraged an additional 90 volunteers to support activities that promoted children's literacy.



The Literacy Lab- Kansas City

4049 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 301

Kansas City, MO 64111

(816) 945-2183

<https://theliteracylab.org/>

The SoulFisher Ministries

The SoulFisher Ministries (TSM) was awarded five (5) AmeriCorps Members to administer and organize three (3) TSM FIRST Robotics teams in the Riverview Garden School District, located in north St. Louis County, Missouri. The TSM AmeriCorps Members were also responsible for increasing STEM competencies and leadership abilities in students. In addition, the Members leveraged 39 additional volunteers who were engaged in not only TSM FIRST Robotics but individual tutoring as well.



The SoulFisher Ministries

7267 Natural Bridge Road

St. Louis, MO 63121

(314) 381-0401

<https://www.thesoulfisherministries.com/>

Waynesville AmeriCorps Program

ABOUT US

The Waynesville School District is home to the Fort Leonard Wood Army post, where over 73% of students in the district are military affiliated dependents. Due to frequent moves resulting from parental deployments and reassignments, student mobility rates exceed 60% across the district with some schools exceeding 80% mobility rates. The highly mobile student population is frequently trying to “catch up” academically after making a move while also being impacted emotionally due to leaving behind friends, family, and community.

AMERICORPS PROGRAM

As a result of high mobility rates, many students struggle with academics due to gaps in learning that result from the curriculum being varied in schools across the country and overseas. Students also struggle with making friends and forming attachments to their school community. During program year 2017-18, Waynesville AmeriCorps Members worked to close achievement gaps by providing tutoring sessions throughout the school day and during the afterschool clubs. Members also helped students develop relationships with peers and caring adults. The Members provided encouragement and support to students, while keeping detailed records of assessments and the required documentation to guide student progress and success.



IMPACT

The success of the Waynesville AmeriCorps program is measured through standardized testing and attendance logs. In program year 2017-2018, the program’s performance target was 700 students for increased academic performance. The program achieved a total number of 1,303 students who experienced academic improvement. A total of 2,069 students from the entire district were tutored. While the academic achievement numbers exceeded the expectations, the support of Military families receiving CNCS supported assistance exceeded the target of 1,400 by 304, totaling 1,704 Military families who received CNCS supported assistance.

Twenty eight (28) Waynesville AmeriCorps Members spent over 40,000 hours tutoring and leading afterschool activities. In addition, the Waynesville AmeriCorps program enlisted the support of 1,006 volunteers who donated 12,552 hours of service.

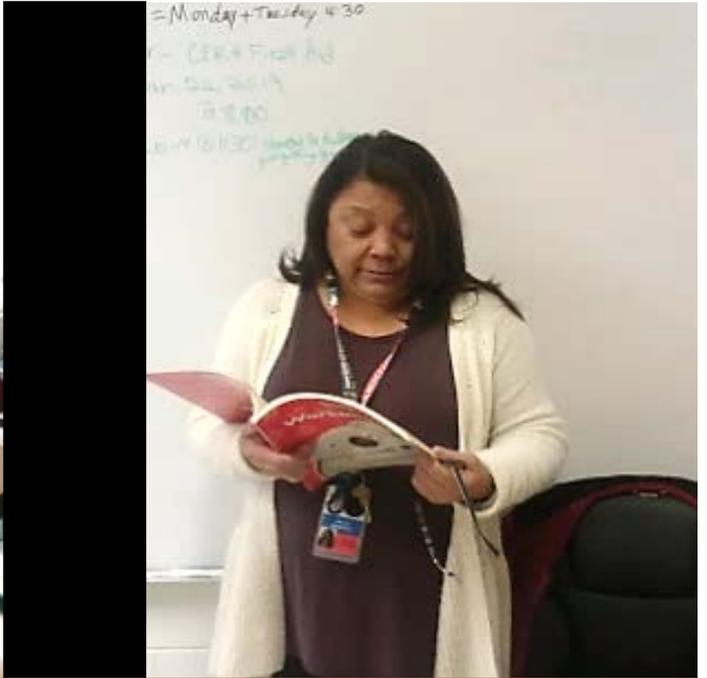
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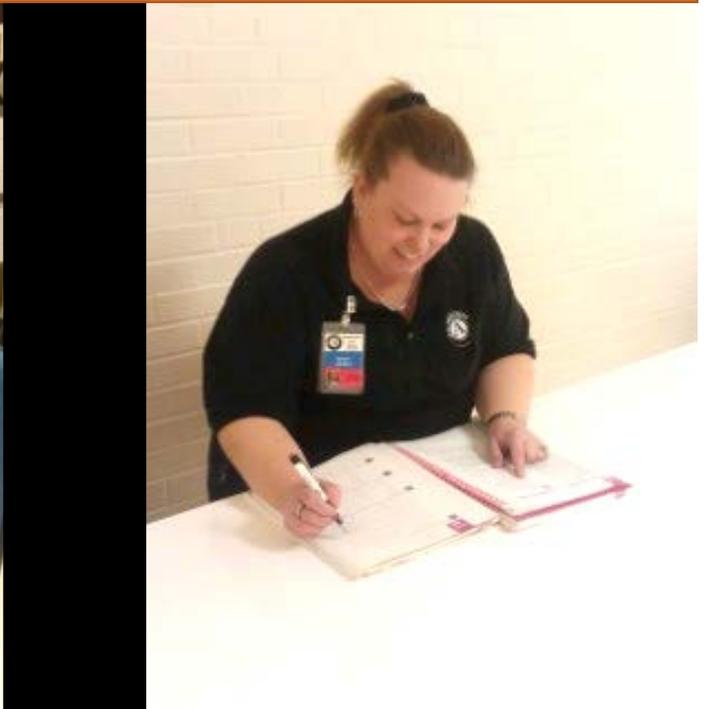
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