



In Service to Our Nation

A Guide to the Members of the
National & Community Service Coalition

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National and Community Service Coalition members impact over 16 million individuals nationwide.

Our members are involved with 200,000+ projects; 213,000+ affiliated organizations, groups, schools, and communities across the nation; and have built over 10,000 homes.

Coalition Member	Scope and Impact Members, Volunteers Recruited, Individuals or Groups
Alliance for Catholic Education	45,000 students, 150 schools in 55 cities in 14 states.
American Assoc. of State Service Commissions	2,000 national service programs that serve 40,000+ annually.
American Youth Policy Forum	25,000 national, state, and local policymakers served.
Campus Compact	850 college and university professors, 100,000 involved, 140 campus teams including faculty developed service-learning programs.
Catholic Network of Volunteer Service	235 volunteer programs, 1,679 AmeriCorps members, 1,055 sites served, 70,448 volunteers recruited.
City Year	6,511 member alumni, 686,641 children served, 764,706 citizen volunteers recruited.
Community Health Corps, The	400 members in 19 states provide health education, outreach, and case management services to the medically underserved. Over 1,460 AmeriCorps members have provided in total more than 444,500 "encounters" with medically underserved individuals to assist them in receiving and better utilizing health care and social services.
Connecticut Commission on National and Community Service	2,900 AmeriCorps members, 5,000+ students served, 6,800 senior volunteers recruited.
Constitutional Rights Foundation	5 million students contacted through learning materials, 60,000 students directly impacted, 14,000 educators provided with educational materials, and 2,500 teachers trained.
Earth Force	35,000 youth impacted.
East Bay Conservation Corps	The AmeriCorps program engages 150 volunteer members in meeting literacy and health education needs of over 4,000 Oakland elementary students and through Project YES, AmeriCorps Members involve over 1,000 K-12 students
HI-Y Leadership Center	6,000 youth impacted year-round in 400 communities and summer youth opportunity camps serve 600 low-income youth.
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	886 members, after school and out-of-school programming for 17,700 youth, 356 neighborhood groups formed, 53,000 volunteers recruited, home ownership counseling for 27,000 individuals. 953 parks improved.
Manycorps: Community and Youth Development Corps	Tutoring for 4,974 students, job counseling/placement service for 1,545 individuals, 797 community events, after-school education and enrichment activities for 4,644 youth.
Maryland Student Service Alliance	1,100 conference participants, 500 presenters with ideas for service, drawing 3,000 participants, 350 schools.
National Association of Foster Grandparent Program Directors	300 members leading volunteer efforts in 50 states.
National Association of RSVP Directors	766 RSVP projects, 5,900 volunteers recruited for Homeland Security, 480,000 volunteers recruited for community service.
National Association of Service & Conservation Corps	100+ member organizations, 23,000 volunteers recruited providing 15 million hours of service, 3,200 AmeriCorps members.
National School & Community Corps, Educationworks	300 members.
National Society of Collegiate Scholars	250,000 lifetime members, 172 campus chapters, 70,000 new members, 600 mentors worked with 1,000 middle school students.
National Youth Leadership Council	22,400 service-learning conference attendees, training 500 practitioners world-wide.
Points of Light Foundation	Connected 2.4 million volunteers with opportunities, collaborated with 100,000+ local agencies and businesses, trained 60,000+ nonprofits.
Public Allies, Inc.	<u>Public Allies has placed over 1500 future leaders in more than 700 partner organizations, served more than 350,000 people and engaged over 35,000 volunteers</u>
State Education Agency K-12 Service-Learning Network	50 state offices that provide materials and training on service-learning that impact 1.5 million students annually.
YouthBuild U.S.A	200 programs in 44 states, 6,000 youth in program, producing 10,000+ low-income homes.
Youth Service America	3 million youth serve in 150 countries on National Youth Service Day, 300 media impressions are seen world-wide, two websites average over 1.5 million "hits" per month, distributed 100,000+ project planning toolkits and 60,000+ project planning service-learning curriculum, 105,000 Youth Service Day project planning toolkits distributed, and National Service Briefing read by 24,000 individuals.
Youth Service California	375 affiliated organizations, involving 500,000 youth. Outreach to 30,000 teacher, administrators, students and policymakers.



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National and Community Service Coalition Mission and History

The National and Community Service Coalition is the common voice of the service movement. Believing that the national service field should take the lead in promoting and defending national and community service, the Coalition has become the leading advocate for service, representing thousands of programs and millions of volunteers.

The Coalition educates policymakers, opinion leaders, and the public about the value and benefits of community service. With membership ranging from national volunteer organizations to community-based service-learning projects to state community service commissions, the Coalition brings to the policy debate the wisdom and experience of those on the front lines in the service field.

Formed in 1992, the Coalition is a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization supported by member dues and philanthropic contributions. Our members share the belief that the community service movement is a vital partner in solving public problems, restoring the ethic and institutions of community, and contributing to the personal and professional growth of its participants.

“The Coalition provides an essential, non-partisan forum for sharing the wisdom and expertise of those on the front lines of national service.”

– Christopher Shays, Member of Congress

“I’ve been working to make national service a reality for 25 years, so I know just how important it is to have the voice of the service movement at the table. For too long that voice was missing. Now the Coalition fills that role.”

– Harris Wofford, Former U.S. Senator and, former CEO of the Corporation for National Service



Purpose of this Guide

Spring 2003

The National and Community Service Coalition (NCSC) consists of a growing number of organizations that provide an invaluable service to the nation in so many ways. This publication is one attempt to introduce the reader to some of our member organizations, highlighting the good works they have accomplished over the past few years. Many members represented here have included their position or thoughts on the pending reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act, a piece of legislation important to our field.

What does the National and Community Service Coalition do? In essence, we:

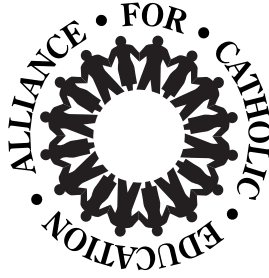
- ★ Inform and educate the service community on political and policy developments in Washington, DC and around the country,
- ★ Encourage organizations and individuals interested and involved in the service movement to engage in debates over local, state, and federal policy issues related to service, and
- ★ Provide a national service network that links the expertise, training and technical assistance, experiential learning, and computer, financial, and human resources of service programs across the country.

It is our sincere hope that this guide of NCSC members will serve as a reference to those seeking information on major service organizations in America. The following pages provide a current gauge of their impact in the field of service, including mentoring, volunteering, civic engagement, classroom-based service-learning and more.

In service to our nation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah S. Pearson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Purpose

The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) seeks to **develop a corps of highly motivated and committed educators** to meet the needs of our country's most underserved elementary and secondary schools.

Scope

Currently, in **14** states (AL, AZ, CA, FL, GA, IN, KS, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX), **154** ACE AmeriCorps members teach approximately **11,000** 2nd -12th grade students in **100** under-resourced schools.

Impact

- ★ Over 8 years ACE AmeriCorps members have taught more than **45,000** elementary and high school students in **150** schools, throughout **55** cities in **14** states.
- ★ These teachers have also recruited over **1,000** volunteers to help in their classrooms, schools, and communities.
- ★ ACE provides an intensive two-year service experience to provide excellent educators and to maximize opportunities for its participants' personal and professional growth.
- ★ All ACE graduates earn a Master's in Education. **77%** of ACE graduates are still in education. Among the class of 2001, **91%** chose to remain as teachers.

The National and Community Service Act

Reauthorization with the following changes would be helpful to ACE's vitality:

- ★ Increase the education award to adjust for inflation.
- ★ Eliminate the taxability of the education award.
- ★ Increase the administrative operating grant received by education award programs from \$400 to the original \$1,000 per full time member.



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Purpose

The American Association of State Service Commissions (ASC) is a non-partisan, non-profit organization representing and promoting State Service Commissions across the United States. ASC is **dedicated to advancing service and volunteerism** in the United States.

Scope and Impact

ASC works on behalf of a network of 53 Service Commissions. ASC members are Commission Executive Directors, staff, and over a thousand Governor-appointed Commissioners who promote and represent all of the streams of national and community service. The State Service Commissions provide volunteer service in AmeriCorps through a network of more than **2,000** national service programs that engage, annually, more than **40,000** Americans in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. AmeriCorps members serve through nonprofits, public agencies, and community-based organizations. They tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, and help communities respond to disasters.

- ★ Sustains a powerful **national voice for State Service Commissions** across the country.
- ★ Advocates for State Service Commissions by representing and connecting them with elected officials on the local and national level.
- ★ Strengthened and expanded the network of State Service Commissions, doubling membership to include 53 states and territories.
- ★ Conducted nine national trainings that impacted all 53 Commissions and over one thousand Commissioners.
- ★ **Published an informative curriculum guide that is used by volunteer leaders** across the country.
- ★ Created a **national network of youth leaders** to mobilize youth across the nation to service.
- ★ Developed a national model program of peer-to-peer training and support for commission staff and commissioners.
- ★ Assisted in expanding the National Service Community's vision for youth commissioners with a position paper crafted by national youth leaders.
- ★ Provides vital and timely information and resources to State Service Commissions.

The National and Community Service Act

ASC supports the efforts made by the Bush Administration and House Select Education Sub Committee for National and Community Service. (to see our full recommendations, please visit www.asc-online.org).



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Purpose

American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) is a non-profit, professional development organization that **provides nonpartisan learning opportunities for professionals working on youth policy issues at the national, state and local levels**. Our goal is to enable policymakers and their aides to be more effective in their professional duties and of greater service to Congress, the Administration, state legislatures, governors, enactment, and implementation of sound policies affecting our nation's young people.

Scope and Impact

AYPF conducts learning events, including speakers' forums on Capitol Hill and site visits to youth programs, schools, and school districts, focusing on topical issues involving juvenile justice, high school reform, workforce investment, youth with disabilities, service-learning, minority achievement, and more. Since 1993, AYPF has:

- ★ Conducted **400** learning events, including field trips and speakers forums for **25,000** individuals whose professional work touches the lives of our nation's youth.
- ★ Produced **30** reports and publications. Many are available free online – www.aypf.org.
- ★ Organized successful visits to award-winning and reforming high schools, youth community programs, career preparation and youth development systems, and state and local partnerships to learn about the many challenges facing local elected official and front-line educators.
- ★ Convened a number of discussion groups designed to provide a safe and neutral venue to learn about, consider and offer policy guidance on continuing and emerging issues.

The National and Community Service Act

AYPF supports greater investment in funding for national and community service for all Americans, and particularly youth. Community service opportunities reengage youth in their community. Service-learning has shown great promise as a pedagogy that connects service activities to academic studies, providing a well-rounded educational experience for children and youth. Greater emphasis should be placed on education for teachers and administrators to improve their knowledge and increase support for integrating a service into curriculum for school and after-school activities.



Campus Compact

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Purpose

Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than **850 college and university presidents committed to the civic purposes of higher education**. To support this civic mission, Campus Compact promotes community service that develops students' citizenship skills and values, encourages collaborative partnerships between campuses and communities, and assists faculty who seek to integrate public and community engagement into their teaching and research.

Scope and Impact

Campus Compact is comprised of **850** college and university presidents from public and private, two-year and four-year colleges and universities. There are State Campus Compact offices in CA, CO, CT, FL, HI, IL, IN, MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV. The Campus Compact National Center for Community Colleges is based at Mesa Community College (AZ).

- ★ Launched "Raise Your Voice," a campaign to increase college students' civic engagement efforts and involving over **100,000** students.
- ★ Opened state Campus Compact offices in NC, VA and WI in 2002. GA, KS, MD & SC are in the process of developing state Compacts.
- ★ Worked with over **140** campus teams of faculty and others to develop service-learning and civic engagement programs on campuses across the country.
- ★ Campus Compact featured on the USA Freedom Corps website and newsletter.
- ★ Conducted annual survey of **850** member campuses' community service and service-learning activities, the only survey of its kind.

The National and Community Service Act

Campus Compact supports reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act, and particularly supports an increase in funding for the Learn and Serve America: Higher Education program.



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Purpose

CNVS is a membership organization of **235** volunteer programs offering full-time service opportunities in faith-based programs. CNVS **recruits volunteers for service within our member programs and provides training and technical assistance** in order that these programs might function more effectively. The CNVS/AmeriCorps program administers Education Awards for members serving within our membership network.

Scope and Impact

CNVS/AmeriCorps members serve in **44** states, the District of Columbia and **2** U.S. territories.

- ★ In the 2001-2002 program year, CNVS/AmeriCorps members totaled **1,679**.
- ★ Members served at **1,055** service sites in education, public safety, environmental activities and meeting human needs.
- ★ Members logged **2,435,574** hours and recruited **70,448** volunteers to help in their service efforts.

The National and Community Service Act

As an Education Awards Only provider, CNVS enables nearly **2,000** young people to serve under the AmeriCorps umbrella with the Federal government incurring only the cost of the Education Award itself and a modest administrative fee. AmeriCorps could never reach its participant goals without these Education Awards Only programs. For this reason, CNVS strongly endorses the Reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act.

Faith-Based Initiative

As the Bush Administration continues to establish the White House Office for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, it is important that they and Congress take into account the many ways in which faith-based volunteer service programs are already collaborating in community initiatives as well as new ways that communities of faith can work with the national service field.



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Purpose

City Year, a proud member of the AmeriCorps network, unites one thousand diverse 17 to 24 year-olds for a challenging year of full-time community service, leadership development, and civic engagement. With a focus on **educating, challenging and developing elementary and middle school students** in **14** communities, City Year seeks to develop a generation of citizen leaders prepared to take action for the common good.

Scope and Impact

Founded in Boston in 1988, City Year has established programs in Boston; Chicago; Cleveland; Columbia, SC; Columbus, OH; Detroit; New York; Philadelphia; San Antonio; San Jose/Silicon Valley; Seattle/King County; Washington, DC; New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

- ★ City Year has graduated over **6,511** alumni; served **686,641** children; completed **9.7** million hours of service; engaged **764,706** citizens in service; and generated over **\$25** million in available scholarships for its corps members
- ★ City Year is a model private/public partnership; leading investors include AmeriCorps, AOL Time Warner, Bain & Company, Bank One Corporation, Cisco Systems, Inc., Comcast Corporation, CSX Transportation, Inc., FleetBoston Financial Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, MFS Investments, and The Timberland Company.
- ★ Each year, City Year unites corps members, alumni, corporate champions, and national and community leaders in an annual convention of idealism, *cyzygy*. Through inspirational speakers, interactive forums, and high-impact community service, *cyzygy* demonstrates the power of active citizenship and showcases young people as remarkable resources for effecting social change.

The National and Community Service Act

City Year enthusiastically supports President Bush's vision for expanding the quality, scale and scope of service efforts in the United States, and would like to see the National and Community Service Act reauthorized in the 108th Congress. In particular, City Year supports the President's proposal to increase the participation in AmeriCorps by 50%, to 75,000 members.



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The Community HealthCorps

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Purpose

The mission of the Community HealthCorps is to **improve health care access and enhance workforce development** through community health center sponsored AmeriCorps and related programs.

Scope and Impact

HealthCorps members reach out to the medically underserved and provide support services for low-income families served by community, migrant, and homeless health centers. Currently in **19 states/territories** (CA, CO, CT, DC, ID, KS, ME, MI, MS, MO, NY, OR, PR, RI, SC, SD, TX, WA, and WI) over **400 members provide health education, outreach and case management services to the medically underserved.**

During the first seven years, over **1,460** AmeriCorps members serving in the Community HealthCorps have provided in total more than **444,500** “encounters” with medically underserved individuals to assist them in receiving and better utilizing primary/preventive health care and social services, of which:

- ★ Over **118,600** residents have access to a medical home (including enrollment in health insurance and/or sliding fee programs, provision of intensive case management and health education, as well as health care for pregnant and postpartum women and infants);
- ★ Over **208,100** patient encounters made to improve utilization of health care services (including referring patients to preventive health services, as well as appointment reminders increasing kept-rates by as much as a third over the baseline); and
- ★ Over **117,800** patient encounters recorded to link patients to other health and social services, either in the health center or those provided by other agencies and organizations in the community.

The National and Community Service Act

The Community HealthCorps strongly endorses the Reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act. These federal dollars are needed to help leverage local funds and further our national interest in increasing access to health care and enhancing the community health care leaders of tomorrow.



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Purpose

The Connecticut Commission on National and Community Service (CCNCS) is the administrative agent for Connecticut's AmeriCorps programs. The Commission was established by an Executive Order of the Governor in 1993, pursuant to the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, to administer service programs in the state and to promote citizenship and service throughout the state. Our mission is to **generate an ethic of service throughout Connecticut by creating and supporting diverse, high quality service and volunteer opportunities for all age groups**, resulting in stronger communities and more active citizens.

Scope and Impact

In its eighth year of service, CCNCS, in partnership with the Department of Higher Education, supports community engagement and volunteerism throughout the state of Connecticut.

CCNCS has granted more than **\$20** million in federal funds to community organizations enabling them to engage thousands of Connecticut citizens in volunteer service. This support has leveraged more than **\$3** million in state/local resources to further support these community volunteer initiatives.

- ★ In Connecticut, **2,900** AmeriCorps members have served and have qualified for education awards totaling **\$9,800,000**.
- ★ Learn and Serve America provides schools, colleges, and community organizations with grants for service-learning that help make it possible for more than **5,000** Connecticut students from kindergarten through college to meet community needs while improving their skills and learning the habits of good citizenship.
- ★ More than **6,800** seniors in Connecticut contribute their time and talents to the National Senior Service Corps.

The National & Community Service Act

The reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act is essential and would provide catalytic support to the expansion of community service activities within the states and strengthen community-led problem solving.



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Purpose

CRF is a community-based organization that manages nearly 20 programs at the local, state and national level. Our mission is to **instill in our nation's youth a deeper understanding of citizenship through values expressed in our Constitution and its Bill of Rights and to educate young people to become active and responsible participants in our society.** CRF programs and materials, of which service-learning is an integral part, provide young people and their teachers with background material on history, government, law and public policy issues that can be used in traditional social studies courses K-12.

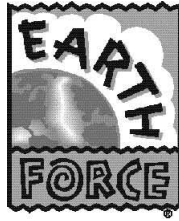
Scope and Impact

CRF, based in Los Angeles, California, manages programs in all **50** states. Regular publications, *The Bill of Rights in Action* and the *Service Learning Network*, are distributed free of charge to over **50,000** educators.

- ★ Sponsored civic education programs that directly involved over **60,000** students in long-term activities.
- ★ Provided classroom materials for teachers that involved more than **5,000,000** student contacts.
- ★ Provided **14,000** educators with service learning materials on diversity and special education.
- ★ Trained **2,500** teachers and other service learning professionals at 160 training sessions.
- ★ Published *Taking Charge: Youth Guide to Community Change*; *Giving Back: A Service Learning Manual for Youth Courts* and *Terrorism in America* classroom materials.
- ★ Evaluated CityWorks, a program that integrates service learning and the study of local and state government. Results using experimental and control groups demonstrated statistically significant change in student knowledge and attitudes essential to effective civic engagement.

The National and Community Service Act

CRF has supported the Corporation for National and Community Service since its creation and feels that CNCS provides important support for the development of committed and engaged citizens and is vital to the health of democracy.



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Purpose

Earth Force gives youth the skills and knowledge to turn their passion for the environment into lasting change in their communities. The organization **provides educators with the tools to help youth be effective community leaders and environmental problem solvers**. Through Earth Force programs youth gain lifelong habits of active citizenship and environmental stewardship.

Scope and Impact

In 2002 Earth Force reached more than **35,000** young people across the country.

- ★ Earth Force recruited its first affiliate partner in 2002, a regional organization that offers Earth Force training, resources and support to educators all over Texas.
- ★ Grew our Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (GREEN) website (www.GREEN.org) by **thousands** of users; the site served as the engine for educators uploading water quality data collected for National Water Monitoring Day.
- ★ Held the first GREEN Teacher Institute, providing intensive training to **20** educators.
- ★ Held the first Youth Advisory Board Camp, a week-long experience bringing more than **50** Earth Force teen leaders together for a week of training and action planning.
- ★ Launched **15** new after-school sites around the country.
- ★ Awards include: Earth Charter Education Award; EPA Indoor Air Quality Special Achievement Award; Award for Excellence from the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education; Dorothy Patch Community and Educational Achievement Award; Best Environmental Education Program from the Environmental Education Association of Oregon.

The National and Community Service Act

Earth Force supports the reauthorization of the Act in order to help strengthen service-learning efforts across the country and instill a stronger sense of civic duty in youth. Too few youth have the opportunity to address the root causes of the problems to which they donate their time. And as such we must ensure that service is understood to be the start of active and engaged citizen participation.



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Purpose

The East Bay Conservation Corps (EBCC) is a nonprofit educational organization **promoting youth development through environmental stewardship and community service, and furthering education reform and social change**. Through partnerships with public agencies, universities and private corporations, EBCC seeks to make change locally by serving as a model for education reform and social change nationally. The EBCC's initiatives, the Elementary Level of the EBCC Charter School and the Institute for Citizenship Education and Teacher Preparation (Institute), emerged out of the agency's two-decade history to promote the civic engagement of children and youth.

Scope and Impact

The EBCC Charter School includes two divisions:

- ★ The High School Level Corpsmember Program which **meets the immediate educational and employment needs of 125 students** between the ages of 17 to 24 years old.
- ★ The Elementary Level **serves 140 students** in grades K-5 (expanding to grade 6 in September 2003 and to middle and high school grades in consecutive years), provides instruction in academic, artistic and civic literacy in a learning environment that fosters intellectual, physical, and spiritual development.

One of the nation's largest national service programs, the EBCC's National Service and Service-Learning Program is comprised of: AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps VISTA and Project YES (Youth Engaged in Service), EBCC's school-based service-learning program. The AmeriCorps program engages **150 volunteer members** in meeting literacy and health education needs of over **4,000 Oakland elementary students** and through Project YES, AmeriCorps Members involve over **1,000 K-12 students** in in-class, after-school, Saturday and summer service-learning programs.

EBCC's Institute for Citizenship Education and Teacher Preparation has four initiatives: Curriculum Development, Teacher Preparation and Professional Development, Research and Evaluation and Public Policy and Dissemination. The Institute facilitates the development of curriculum, assessments, and school practices to share with practitioners and policymakers. The Institute recently published the *EBCC Service-Learning as Civic Engagement: A Service-Learning Planning and Resource Guide* to support elementary teachers and launched an arts and service-learning based Multiple Subject Credential/MAT Program in partnership with University of San Francisco's School of Education Arts & Education Collaborative.

The National and Community Service Act

The EBCC and Founding Executive Director Joanna Lennon have been instrumental in crafting and passing significant legislation such as the National Community Service Act of 1990 and support its reauthorization.



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Purpose

The HI-Y Leadership Center focuses on **developing a corps of young civic leaders with a life-long commitment to responsible citizenship**. Dating back to 1867, our programs offer children, teens and young adults a structured series of hands-on learning experiences to empower them to be positive life-long change agents in their own communities. Everything we do is experiential, where young people learn by doing. We offer school-based, after school and weekend programming throughout the academic year as well as summer and school year residential experiences. In addition to our locally based HI-Y teen groups, we operate two leadership centers within Appalachia – Camp Horseshoe in Tucker County, WV and Cave Lake in Pike County, OH. Our signature programs include:

- ★ HI-Y school and **community-based teen groups** work throughout the year to improve their communities and schools and learn effective organization and governance.
- ★ **The Leadership Center** is a Learn & Serve America demonstration site for engaging teens in helping at-risk children after school to improve academically and developmentally.
- ★ **Youth in Government** engages teens in learning practical lessons about democracy by taking on the roles of officials in the three branches of state government.
- ★ **Model United Nations** opens windows on the world yielding greater awareness of world issues, the diversity of cultures and the role each citizen can have on the world stage.

Scope and Impact

- ★ Our programs serve approximately **6,000** young people annually from more than **400** different urban, rural and suburban communities throughout Ohio and West Virginia.
- ★ The HI-Y Leadership Center is a **Learn & Serve America demonstration site** for engaging teens in helping at-risk children improve their academic performance and citizenship through after-school initiatives.
- ★ Our counselors receive **AmeriCorps Education Awards** for their summer service and we have enjoyed the support of an **AmeriCorps Promise Fellow** for each of the past two years.
- ★ In a partnership with the State of West Virginia dating back to 1975, the HI-Y Leadership Center offers Youth Opportunity Camps for up to **600** low-income 7-12 year olds each summer to help them develop socially and prepare for success in school and life.

The National and Community Service Act

Reauthorization will aid the expansion of our service-learning curriculum and the AmeriCorps Education Awards provide important incentives for our summer counselors.



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Purpose

Through AmeriCorps, Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) **provides local non-profit community development corporations (CDCs) with the human capital needed to expand their services or pilot new ones.** LISC helps identify and nurture future leaders by exposing participants to the community development industry. We work in tandem with communities, corporations, foundations and government to insure that distressed neighborhoods receive the funding dollars they need to transform their communities into thriving, economically sound and safe areas.

LISC combines service to the community with meaningful, hands-on work experience, training and leadership development. LISC members foster volunteerism and civic engagement by encouraging neighbors to take active roles in helping to transform the communities in which they live. Members develop affordable housing units and provide home ownership counseling and education to prospective low-income homebuyers, as well as participate in community building activities in neighborhoods, and, with residents, form crime watches, neighborhood groups, tenants associations and collaborations between community service providers. Our members work with youth to provide opportunities to participate in sports and after school activities that include tutoring, homework assistance, and reading enrichment. **LISC members have been extremely successful in recruiting and coordinating volunteers.**

Scope and Impact

Since 1994 we have enrolled **886** full and part-time members who have been placed in **14** cities. Our current enrollment numbers include **78** individuals in Boston, Chicago, Jacksonville and Palm Beach County, Florida; Kalamazoo and Lansing, Michigan, New York City, Newark, NJ; Providence, RI; Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco, CA. LISC operates in **41** areas involving hundreds of local non-profit community development corporations.

- ★ Helped to develop **5700** affordable housing units
- ★ Provided home ownership counseling to **27,000**
- ★ Improved **953** parks and public spaces
- ★ Provided after school and other programs for **17,700** young people
- ★ Helped form **356** neighborhood groups and associations
- ★ Fostered collaboration between **700** organizations
- ★ Recruited **53,000** volunteers who served a total of **331,000** hours



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Purpose

MANYCorps is a service program aimed at promoting **youth development through community service in the Mid-Atlantic states**. Our services support and enhance the development of young people while engaging them as valuable resources to get work done in communities. MANYCorps' **160 members provide in-school and after-school tutoring and mentoring** to children and youth, provide expanded opportunities for out-of-school enrichment and recreational activities, offer health-related instruction, support parents and families, and improve facilities serving youth. MANYCorps strengthens communities by recruiting and supporting volunteers in direct service to support the development of youth. We reach out to other community organizations to share resources for youth and develop new resources through collaborative projects.

Scope and Impact

MANYCorps' **eight program sites** are community-based non-profits located in Washington, DC (Latin American Youth Center), Baltimore (Fellowship of Lights Youth and Community Services), Philadelphia (Amachi), Pittsburgh (East End Cooperative Ministry) and three Pennsylvania sites State College (Centre County Youth Services Bureau), Wilkes-Barre (Catholic Social Services), and Allentown (Valley Youth House). MANYCorps expanded to include the Amachi program. This faith-based collaborative model uses AmeriCorps members recruited and hosted by churches in the community to recruit **mentors for children of incarcerated parents**. Currently over **400 mentor matches** are being supported by the efforts of MANYCorps members. Other services provided by MANYCorps include:

- ★ Tutoring for **4,974** students in grades 1-12.
- ★ Job counseling and placement services for **1,545** people, many receiving TANF.
- ★ Organized/implemented **797** community strengthening events with volunteer assistance.
- ★ After-school education, recreation, and enrichment activities benefiting **4,644** youth.

The National and Community Service Act

MANY enthusiastically supports reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act as we have seen first-hand the positive impact of these community service programs in supporting the positive development of youth as active, productive citizens.



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Purpose

Maryland Student Service Alliance (MSSA) **institutionalizes high quality service-learning for students in Maryland K-12 public schools and encourages its application in schools across the nation.** MSSA is a public/private partnership between the Maryland State Department of Education and the Student Community Service Foundation, Inc. In Maryland, service-learning is a graduation requirement. MSSA supports local school districts by generating statewide programs and networks. Our leadership programs for administrators, teachers, and students create local leaders by training participants in the theory and application of service-learning; providing replicable models of high quality service-learning; and creating materials that are shared locally and nationally to improve service-learning practice and programs.

Scope and Impact

MSSA provides technical assistance and resources to **24** school districts, **1,300** public schools, and **850,000** students. More than **40,000** students graduate each year with service-learning experience as part of their education. We produce nationally recognized publications on best practices for service-learning administration and program implementation. More than **15** separate guides and handbooks are distributed nationwide. Materials include training strategies for teachers, interdisciplinary service projects for classroom-based service-learning.

- ★ In 2002, MSSA's 11th annual service-learning conference attracted **1,100** participants statewide for a day of workshops, speakers, and exhibits with an environmental emphasis.
- ★ MSSA conferences have highlighted international relief efforts, student leadership, and community partnerships.
- ★ In the past three years, **500** workshop presenters have engaged **3,000** participants and provided them with concrete ideas for service-learning projects.
- ★ Additionally, MSSA's newsletter, *E-Connected*, now reaches **350** schools across the state.

The National and Community Service Act

The Maryland Student Service Alliance strongly endorses the Reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act. These federal dollars are necessary to leverage state and local funds and will further our national interest in developing active, knowledgeable citizens through service and learning.



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Purpose

Created in 1971, NAFGPD is a professional membership organization that serves as the principal advocate for Foster Grandparent Programs. **Providing a national focus on issues that impact Foster Grandparent Programs and Foster Grandparent senior volunteers**, the NAFGPD strives to both preserve the integrity of the program and safeguard its funding stream while actively promoting the interests of Foster Grandparents and seniors in general. In addition, the NAFGPD provides professional development opportunities for Foster Grandparent Program Directors and staff.

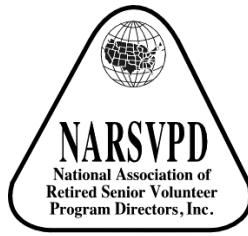
Scope and Impact

With nearly **300** members, NAFGPD is composed of Foster Grandparent Program Directors and other supporters from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Produced *The National Study of Foster Grandparent Program Directors: Identifying Effective Practices, Project Barriers and Needs*, in cooperation with Thomas G. McGowan, Ph.D., who compiled the survey and analysis.

The National and Community Service Act

Our organization is impacted by the Reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act in regard to portions of the proposed statute that involve the governance, structure and programmatic parameters of Foster Grandparent Programs. We would support this reauthorization should it contain language that would: 1) safeguard our programs' current governance and fiscal structure, and 2) adequately address several other changes/modifications to statutory requirements that are of the highest concern to our members and our volunteers.



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Purpose

To provide, through national forum and focus, **visibility and advocacy for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**. To establish a network of communication among RSVP Directors and projects, and between national, state, and/or cluster RSVPD Associations.

Scope and Impact

Representing **766** RSVP Projects in all **50** states, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

- ★ National partnerships: AARP, Project Linus, and Head Start.
- ★ Developed *Bridging the Generations Training Manual* in partnership with Head Start Association and NAFGPD.
- ★ RSVP projects received **120** PNS Homeland Security grants for **5,900** new RSVP volunteers and developed **10** new Homeland Security grants.
- ★ **480,000** RSVP volunteers provided **77** million hours of community service.

The National and Community Service Act

NARSVPD strongly supports reauthorization of the National Community and Service Trust Act while maintaining the integrity of the three Senior Programs; Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) and Senior Companion Program (SCP) as well as the following provisions:

- ★ Reducing barriers for participation in all Senior Corps programs by lowering the age of eligibility from 60 to 55 years of age.
- ★ Raising income eligibility requirements for the FGP and SCP from 125% of the poverty level to 175-200% of the poverty level.
- ★ Implementing a Senior Scholarship Program for persons 55 years of age and over contributing 500 hours of volunteer service.
- ★ NARSVPD supports the present administrative structure of the senior programs and VISTA with each state having a federal CNCS office with federal employees administering the programs.
- ★ NARSVPD does not support creating other senior demonstration programs that would be in conflict with existing RSVP programs.



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Purpose

NASCC unites and supports corps as a preeminent strategy for achieving the nation's youth development, community service and environmental restoration goals.

Scope and Impact

100+ member organizations in **32 states** and the District of Columbia annually engaging **23,000 people** in providing **15 million hours of service per year** in conservation and service corps programs.

- ★ Directed America's largest AmeriCorps program with more than **3,200** AmeriCorps members.
- ★ Completed a three-year Department of Labor-funded Welfare-to-Work program and five-year Foundation-funded Corps-to-Career Initiative aimed at boosting the capacity of corps programs to increase post-corps corpmember success.
- ★ Facilitated ten corps programs in completing NASCC's Excellence in Corps Operations comprehensive program assessment process.
- ★ Published guide on non-traditional uses of the AmeriCorps Education Award to encourage broad usage of the Award by underserved populations.

The National and Community Service Act

NASCC strongly supports speedy Reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act and recommends that reauthorization:

- ★ Build on the base of established, experienced service programs;
- ★ Embrace multiple goals for national and community service;
- ★ Ensure that national and community service opportunities are available to all;
- ★ Maintain and strengthen the Public Lands Corps Act and the Urban Youth Corps section of the 1993 national service law; and
- ★ Expand financial support for AmeriCorps Education Award Programs.



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Purpose

The mission of the National School and Community Corps is to **support the development and educational achievement of children and youth.**

Scope and Impact

Serving **300** members in California, Texas, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

- ★ Significant growth in Philadelphia as a partner in the system-wide reform effort following state takeover of the school district and in the Mayor's Children's Investment Strategy.
- ★ Absentee rates of highly truant students are cut in half.
- ★ **School climate is improved with significant reduction in violence, greater parental participation, and more community support.**
- ★ Numerous awards, including the Harris Wofford Philadelphia King Day of Service Active Citizenship Award.

The National and Community Service Act

We strongly support reauthorization as quickly as possible. Reauthorization will give the field, our partners, and the people whom we serve confidence that AmeriCorps is truly supported, likely to last, and worthy of their continued support and participation.



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Purpose

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is an honors organization which recognizes outstanding academic achievement among first- and second-year college students and **encourages members to develop leadership skills through community service.**

Scope and Impact

NSCS has **250,000** lifetime members, stemming from campus chapters at **172** public and private four-year institutions in **46** states.

- ★ Chartered **17** new chapters in 2001-2001; welcomed **70,000** new members Society-wide.
- ★ Expanded the Planning for College Success program, our national mentoring initiative, to include over **600** mentors who worked with over **1,000** middle school students.
- ★ Created first-ever student board of directors, the National Leadership Council, consisting of **12** undergraduate honors students.
- ★ Developed online reporting system where chapters report on service and leadership programs and members track service hours performed.
- ★ NSCS Career Connection, an online job database, named one of the top **500** sites by CAREERXROADS.

The National and Community Service Act

NSCS wholeheartedly supports Reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act, as it provides our membership with meaningful opportunities to engage in a lifetime of service and directly affects our national service partners, such as City Year and Teach for America.



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The mission of the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) is to **build vital, just communities with young people through service-learning**. NYLC was the first organization to champion a meaningful new vision of learning that addresses a dual purpose: educating America's K-12 and college-age students through thoughtful and practical service, while at the same time benefiting the communities in which those young people live. In addition to building character and improving students' academic achievement, service-learning helps young people establish the foundation for a lifetime of meaningful community involvement.

Scope and Impact

Through its rich program and service offerings, NYLC supports the engagement of nearly **13** million American K-12 students by working with adults and young people who use the classroom to solve real-world community problems.

- ★ In 2002, NYLC convened the 13th Annual National Service-Learning Conference in Seattle, WA. More than **3,200** from 8 countries attended the Conference, **1,072** of whom were young people.
- ★ Conducted trainings for over **500** service-learning practitioners from around the world.
- ★ Operated service-learning demonstrations in 3 communities for 3M.
- ★ Published two issues of *The Generator: Journal of Service-Learning and Youth Leadership*.

The National and Community Service Act

As the Reauthorization of the National and Community Service Act legislation stands now, there is only a minimal increase to the Learn & Serve Department. If service-learning is to move forward as a viable educational methodology, then the legislation must be more aggressive in addressing the funding base for this movement and providing each state with sufficient funding to administer the funds that flow from the Corporation to the states. Additionally, sufficient funding must be set aside to fund research AND training and technical assistance to a field that desperately needs this basic support.



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Purpose

The Points of Light Foundation (POLF), founded in 1990 by our nation's 41st President, George H. W. Bush, is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization devoted to the promotion and local delivery effective volunteer programs. The mission of POLF is to **engage more people more effectively in volunteer service to help solve serious social problems**. POLF strives to: 1) raise public awareness around the societal benefits of community volunteering; 2) build knowledge, skills, capacity and programs for volunteers to succeed; and 3) provide leadership through local delivery systems to mobilize volunteers.

Scope and Impact

The Volunteer Center National Network (VCNN) is the key programmatic partner of the Points of Light Foundation. The VCNN comprises nearly **450 community-based Volunteer Centers in forty-nine states and Puerto Rico**. As powerful local catalysts for volunteer action, Volunteer Centers connect people with opportunities to serve; build capacity for effective local volunteering; promote volunteering, and; participate in strategic initiatives to mobilize volunteers. Collectively, Volunteer Centers annually:

- ★ Connect **2.4 million** people with volunteer opportunities.
- ★ Collaborate with more than **100,000** local agencies and businesses.
- ★ Train more than **60,000** local nonprofits.

Each year, POLF, in collaboration with CNCS and others, convenes the National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service, the largest professional gathering around service and volunteering in the world. The 2002 Conference was held in Salt Lake City, Utah and was attended by over **3,300** participants. In the months following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Unity in the Spirit of America (USA), an initiative whereby community service and volunteer projects would be conducted in memory and honor of those who lost their lives, became a program of POLF. To date, over **3,000** projects, incorporating over **1.2 million** volunteers have been completed.

The National and Community Service Act

The Points of Light Foundation fully supports the Reauthorization of the National and Community Service Trust Act, as it is named in the original and subsequent legislation. The Points of Light Foundation seeks the inclusion of additional language recognizing the critical work of Volunteer Centers in American communities.



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Purpose

Public Allies **advances leadership** that 1) provides meaningful service contributing to lasting positive community change; 2) builds the capacity of nonprofit organizations; and 3) supports emerging leaders, sets them on a path for continued leadership and helps them become catalysts for the active citizenship of others. Public Allies envisions communities in which people of different backgrounds, beliefs and experiences work together and share responsibility for improving their lives and the lives of those around them. Public Allies is committed to the qualities of leadership that are most effective in bringing about positive social change, including: collaboration, diversity, community participation and continuous learning.

Scope

Since 1992, Public Allies has advanced over **1,500** future leaders in more than **700** partner organizations, served more than **350,000** people and engaged over **35,000** volunteers. Currently over **200** young people, ages 18-30, are serving communities across the nation. About 70% are people of color, 60% are women and 50% are college graduates.

Public Allies offers young adults leadership opportunities in Chicago, IL; Cincinnati, OH; Durham, NC; Estes Park, CO; Los Angeles, CA; Milwaukee, WI; New York, NY; San Jose, CA; Taos, NM; Washington, DC; and Wilmington, DE.

- ★ One of five national organizations to receive Microsoft's Technology Leadership Grant in 2002 to bring new tools to support Allies and the communities they serve.
- ★ Released new national poll in partnership with Peter D. Hart Research Associates demonstrating changing views on community service among diverse young adults.
- ★ Hosted visits by President Bush, former President Clinton, John Bridgeland, Edward Kennedy, Gray Davis and other elected officials.
- ★ Celebrated 10th Anniversary with national gathering of Allies at our headquarters to network, learn and practice leadership.



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Purpose

The State Education Agency K-12 Service-Learning Network (SEANet) is a national association of state directors and coordinators of the K-12 school-based Learn and Serve America programs. SEANet members **provide direct assistance to local school-community partnerships that engage over 1.5 million students each year in hands-on service and active learning.**

Scope and Impact

SEANet represents the **50** state departments of education and other state-level organizations responsible for managing statewide service-learning initiatives. SEANet has impacted the field through a number of activities and events:

- ★ Regularly distributed articles and resource materials about service-learning to congressional offices, included providing state-specific packages for over **250** Members of Congress in **25** states and territories and mailings to congressional staff members working for the House and Senate education committees.
- ★ Co-sponsored the 2002 **National and Community Service Policy Dialogue**, a bipartisan panel of the primary architects of legislation to reauthorize the National and Community Service Trust Act, in conjunction with the National and Community Service Coalition, American Youth Policy Forum, Campus Compact, and Youth Service America.
- ★ Convened seminars on *Service-Learning Opportunities in No Child Left Behind* for state education agency staff members.
- ★ Produced a quarterly electronic newsletter designed primarily for state-level and SEA staff and decision-makers. The newsletter features articles about the ways states are addressing challenges and improving services to local practitioners.

The National and Community Service Act

SEANet offers the following as considerations: (1) Maintain the current delivery and administrative structure of the Act; (2) Establish a small state minimum, guaranteeing that all states receive at least \$350,000 to implement a statewide service-learning initiative; (3) Increase the flexibility of the cap on funds that school-based service-learning programs may use for capacity-building; and (4) Establish a competitive fund for training and technical assistance so that states have the opportunity to access additional resources to address the increasing demand for capacity-building activities.



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Purpose

YouthBuild USA is a non-profit agency that serves as national intermediary and support center for YouthBuild programs nationwide. Our program's purpose is to unleash the positive energy of unemployed young adults to rebuild their communities and their own lives with a commitment to work, education, responsibility, and family. YouthBuild **leads unemployed young people, ages 16 to 24, in efforts to build, in their own communities, affordable housing for homeless and low-income families.** Youth split their time between the construction site and the classroom, where they earn their GED or high school diploma, learn to be community leaders, and prepare for jobs or college.

Scope and Impact

There are more than **200** YouthBuild programs in **44** states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. In 1994, the YouthBuild AmeriCorps partnership was established with six long-standing YouthBuild programs; five continue their AmeriCorps partnership: Crispus Attucks YouthBuild in York, PA; Youth Action Programs and Homes in New York City; YouthBuild Philadelphia; YouthBuild Gary in Indiana; and YouthBuild St. Louis in Missouri. YouthBuild USA's AmeriCorps portfolio currently includes 26 of the 104 YouthBuild USA affiliate programs; 11 are current AmeriCorps National Direct (including Digital Divide) subgrantees, and 15 programs participate in the AmeriCorps Education Award Program.

In 2001, YouthBuild programs involved **6,000** young adults. They were African-American, Latino, Caucasian, Native American, and Asian American (73% young men; 90% low-income families; and 28% young parents). Nationwide, 89% of YouthBuild students enter the program without their high school diplomas and 31% receive public assistance prior to joining YouthBuild. Sixty percent complete the program, and 86% go on to college or jobs averaging \$7.61/hour. Since 1993, over **10,000** units of low-income housing have been produced by YouthBuild students.

In service to America, some programs provide **tutoring and mentoring** service opportunities to members. **Digital Divide National Direct** programs engage members in building and refurbishing computers that are then donated to community centers.

The National and Community Service Act

CNCS funding enables YouthBuild AmeriCorps programs to develop their members, to engage them in meaningful activities serving their communities, as well as to leverage additional federal and private funding to help sustain these efforts. With continued support, YouthBuild USA and its AmeriCorps programs look forward to continuing to develop the enormous service capacity of young people. These programs are committed to working with CNCS to develop future generations of young people dedicated to life-long service.



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Purpose

Youth Service America (YSA) is a resource center and premier **alliance of 300+ organizations committed to increasing the quantity and quality of volunteer opportunities for young people** in America, ages 5-25, to serve locally, nationally, and globally. YSA's mission is to strengthen the effectiveness, sustainability, and scale of the youth service and service-learning fields. YSA envisions a powerful network of organizations committed to making service and service-learning the common expectation and experience of all young people in America.

Scope and Impact

- ★ Youth Service America reaches **millions** of youth through four core strategies: 1) Organizing Public Awareness Campaigns, 2) Convening the Field, 3) Offering Incentives and Recognition, and 4) Providing Information and Knowledge Tools.
- ★ **336** organizations became members of Youth Service America to be a cohesive voice working to strengthen America's local communities through service and service-learning.
- ★ National and Global Youth Service Day, engages over **3 million** young people in service in **150** countries, and results in over **300 million** media impressions around the world.
- ★ YSA recruited over **1,000 youth ambassadors** to promote SERVENet as a tool for the service and service-learning field in communities across the United States. Our Youth Voice Initiative mobilizes **500 youth decision-makers** to increase youth voice across the United States.
- ★ Our incentive and recognition programs awarded over **\$325,000** to over 500 young people and organizations that are engaging millions of children and youth in 150 countries.
- ★ YSA provides information and knowledge tools every year such as National and Global Youth Service Day project planning toolkits (**105,000**) and project planning service-learning curriculum (**over 60,000**).
- ★ *The National Service Briefing* is read by over **24,000** policy makers, practitioners, young people, and others interested in service and service-learning.

National and Community Service Act – Citizen's Service Act

Reauthorizing and reforming our national service laws through the National and Community Service Act is a priority for Youth Service America and its 300+ member organizations. Youth Service America supports increased funding for the expansion and implementation of service-learning programs and curricula, as well as expanded opportunities for youth service and civic engagement. The Federal Government's role, as expressed in the Act, is a critical part of the overall service movement and a necessary investment in our nation's most valuable resource - its young people.



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Purpose

YSCal is working to make service part of every young person's life in California. We **provide professional development and training, advocacy, and capacity building to sustain and expand quality youth service programs** in K-12 schools, afterschool programs, institutions of higher education and community-based organizations.

Scope and Impact

YSCal works with all counties in California, from the rural far through to Los Angeles and San Diego Counties. We include **375 affiliate organizations throughout California** that involved approximately **500,000 young people** in service in 2001.

- ★ Spearheaded California's first statewide initiative to engage children in afterschool programs in service-learning by granting more than \$150,000 to programs statewide.
- ★ Produced the groundbreaking publication: *Youth Service Diversity Tool Kit*, designed to build the youth service field's capacity to work with diverse students and communities.
- ★ Co-convened highly rated statewide forums: "Strengthening Our Days of Service: Resource for Quality" and "The Civic Mission of Education Forum."
- ★ Developed a network of Regional Service Learning Leaders who together have provided outreach on service-learning to more than **30,000 teachers, administrators, students and policy makers**.

The National and Community Service Act

Corporation for National Service funds are critical to youth service in California. Yet even with that support only 5 percent of California's 10 million young people between the ages of 5-25 were involved in youth service in 2001. More funds are needed to bring youth service to scale in California, including a significant increase in Learn and Serve America funds, and AmeriCorps funding.



Additional Members

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National Association of Community Health Centers
Massachusetts Service Alliance
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