

SERVE OHIO

Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

STRENGTHENING OHIO COMMUNITIES THROUGH AMERICORPS AND VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT



2020 AmeriCorps Impact in Ohio

900
Ohio AmeriCorps
members



1.2
MILLION
hours of
AmeriCorps service



500+
AmeriCorps
service sites



\$4.2
MILLION
in AmeriCorps
Educational
Awards



26,602
youth served



10,990
STUDENTS
improved academic
performance



Since 1994, more than 36,000 Ohio residents have served approximately 58 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$123.8 million.

About ServeOhio

ServeOhio is authorized under Section 121.40 of the Ohio Revised Code as the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism. ServeOhio empowers communities to utilize AmeriCorps members and volunteers to address the frontline issues in education, health, economic opportunity, and environmental stewardship.

As Ohio's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, ServeOhio collaborates and partners with nonprofit, government, and community organizations to increase the effective utilization of AmeriCorps members and community volunteers. Additionally, ServeOhio develops, funds, and evaluates AmeriCorps programming throughout the state for the purpose of building a stronger Ohio.

The AmeriCorps Experience



Building Resumes, Erasing Student Debt

AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages more than 80,000 Americans in intensive service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community organizations across the country.

ServeOhio invests in AmeriCorps programming by working with nonprofits, public agencies and community organizations to build high-impact service initiatives that address the local community's most critical needs. ServeOhio partners with local programs to build skills and increase employment opportunities for the 900+ individuals serving as AmeriCorps members.

Members serve in full or part-time positions and receive a modest annual living allowance. In addition, members may have access to other benefits such as health insurance, childcare, training, and student loan forbearance during their service. Upon successful completion of their service, members may receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of up to \$6,195 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back student loans.

This year, Ohio AmeriCorps members will receive over 130,000 hours of professional development and training and earn more than \$4.2 million in education awards that can be used to pay for post-secondary education or qualified student loans. Additionally, many AmeriCorps programs help their members obtain professional certifications during their service term, which increases their employability post-service. AmeriCorps equips members with valuable workplace skills that prepare them to be valuable members of any team.



COVID-19 Response

The need for local service has never been greater, and although social distancing makes it difficult to serve in the traditional way, AmeriCorps members are still getting things done. ServeOhio has played a key role during COVID-19 in activating AmeriCorps members across the state to meet the demand and needs of the local communities. AmeriCorps members have worked with schools to provide virtual tutoring for reading and math as well as individual mentoring support for students through Zoom, Google Classroom and Google Meet. Additionally, members are volunteering in their communities by making hundreds of face masks for various organizations and preparing and delivering meals for families in need.



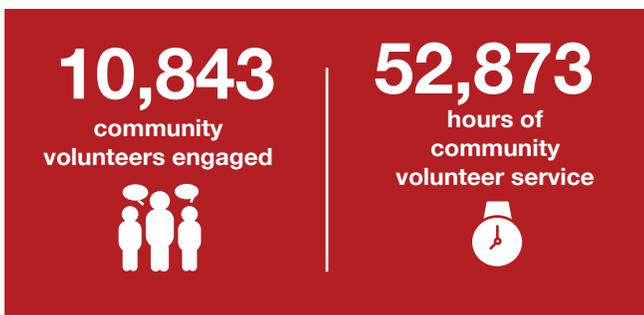
Volunteer Engagement

ServeOhio works directly with volunteer program administrators at nonprofit, government, and community organizations to provide them with the tools and skills they need to strategically engage volunteers. In this role, ServeOhio helps community organizations build capacity to increase their volunteer recruitment efforts, ultimately enabling more volunteers to serve communities in need.

Community Volunteer Project Grants

With support from American Electric Power Foundation and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Volunteer Generation Fund, ServeOhio provides funding to support grassroots and community volunteer projects organized for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January), Global Youth Service Day (April), ServeOhio Day (June), and Make A Difference Day (October). These community volunteer projects engage thousands of local residents, enhance livability, and bolster community spirit. In 2019, ServeOhio funded 64 community volunteer projects across the state.

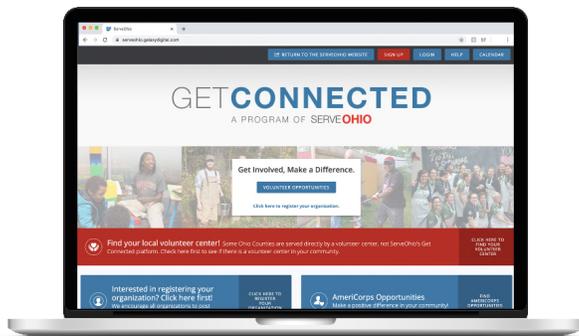
2020 Volunteer Engagement Impact in Ohio



Professional Development for Volunteer Administrators

ServeOhio strengthens the capacity of Ohio nonprofit organizations to recruit, train, manage and retain volunteers. Through the skills-based volunteerism training academy, ServeOhio provides advanced-level training and ongoing support for Ohio nonprofits to effectively engage skills-based volunteers in highly defined projects that increase organizational capacity.

ServeOhio promotes volunteerism and equips volunteer program administrators with the tools and resources they need to strategically engage volunteers in their local community. An example of this is the annual Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism that inspires and connects volunteer program administrators, national service program directors, AmeriCorps members, philanthropy managers and nonprofit leaders. The conference builds relationships and skill sets to support the continued evolution and impact of Ohio's service and volunteerism professions.



Get Connected Volunteer Portal

ServeOhio recently launched Get Connected, a statewide volunteer engagement portal that connects volunteers and organizations. It allows organizations to post volunteer opportunities to recruit individuals in their local area, which then feeds directly into the statewide system. Individuals can then access the opportunities that best match their interests. Many communities throughout the state lack the infrastructure to support effective utilization of volunteers, so this platform will help level that disparity by providing a tool that all organizations can feed into. Learn more at ServeOhio.GalaxyDigital.com.

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2020-2021 Ohio AmeriCorps Programs

PROGRAM	GRANT	PRIMARY SERVICE ACTIVITY
Education: Improving Learning, Strengthening Schools		
City Year Cleveland	\$1,134,832	76 members provide tutoring and mentoring services to increase academic achievement. (Cuyahoga County)
City Year Columbus	\$881,947	62 members provide tutoring and mentoring services to increase academic achievement. (Franklin County)
College Now Greater Cleveland Ohio College Guides	\$1,083,287	70 members advise first-generation students on college admission strategies. (Statewide)
College Now Greater Cleveland AmeriCorps Career Coaches	\$179,999	10 members provide college and career coaching for high school freshman. (Cuyahoga County)
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Ohio Reading and Math Corps	\$900,000	120 members support student achievement in K-3 grade-level reading and math proficiency. (Statewide)
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio AmeriCorps Mentors for Success	\$180,000	20 members serve as near-peer mentors for middle and high school students. (Franklin, Delaware, Union and Ross counties)
Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association NCA Community Connector Corps	\$413,998	Program will focus on Education, Economic Opportunity, and Safer Communities. (Cuyahoga and Lake counties)
Horizon Education Centers HEC Family Engagement	\$260,819	22 members increase kindergarten readiness and family engagement. (Cuyahoga County)
John Carroll University Health Professions Affinity Community	\$634,154	50 members support rural & urban youth in career development to increase affinity for careers in the healthcare industry. (Statewide)
Shawnee State Project BEAR	\$158,228	21 members provide reading instruction in childcare facilities and preschools. (Scioto County)
Springfield Promise Neighborhood Springfield PromiseCorps	\$132,593	20 members prepare Pre-K youth for kindergarten & tutor low income youth in K-3 classrooms in Springfield. (Clark County)
Teach for America TFA Ohio	\$111,000	111 members support academic success by teaching in low-income schools. (Northeast & Southwest Ohio)
University of Dayton University of Dayton Community Corps	\$163,568	46 members serve in family resource offices in libraries and neighborhood school centers to provide educational and social support to children and their families. (Montgomery County)
Zoological Society of Cincinnati Zoo Unto Others AmeriCorps Program	\$160,661	10 members provide STEM education and science literacy. (Hamilton County)
Economic Opportunity: Building Skills, Increasing Impact		
Ohio Historical Society Ohio History Service Corps	\$152,903	10 members build capacity for local history centers. (Statewide)
Santa Maria Community Services Project Advance	\$279,000	17 members assist low-income residents with health education and GED services. (Hamilton County)
University Settlement NEO Skills Corps	\$183,696	15 members provide financial literacy and job skills education with low-income adults. (Cuyahoga County)
Ohio Children's Alliance Ohio Children's Alliance TAY AmeriCorps Program	\$100,000	10 members serve as peer support specialists for transition age youth who are preparing to emancipate or have emancipated from foster care throughout the state. (Statewide)
Ohio Domestic Violence Network Financial Freedom Corps	\$309,501	20 members provide financial education/economic empowerment services and housing counseling to domestic violence survivors. (Statewide)
Healthy Futures: Building Healthy Futures and Environmental Sustainability		
Baldwin Wallace University AmeriCorps CHANGE, INC	\$107,773	12 members serve as community health and empowerment navigators for individuals facing food insecurity. (Cuyahoga County)
Mercy Health Mercy Health Corps	\$153,214	11 members provide services to reduce & prevent opioid abuse in urban & rural Mercy Health Emergency Departments. (Southwest & Northwest Ohio)
Ohio Campus Compact Ohio Campus Corps	\$183,481	18 members provide resources to address student needs and barriers to academic success. (Statewide)
Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Serving Ohio Veterans AmeriCorps Program	\$78,230	5 members support veterans and military families by promoting Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) services, training and working with community-based veteran organizations. (Statewide)
Ohio University COMCorps	\$258,264	17 members provide nutrition education and access to healthy foods. (Athens & Washington counties)
Rural Action Appalachian Ohio Restore Corps	\$374,763	31 members improve environmental assets, provide education, & promote tourism in Appalachia. (Southeast & Central Ohio)
Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners, Inc. NOWCorps	\$260,999	15 members improve water quality, habitat quality, and public awareness of watersheds. (Northeast Ohio)