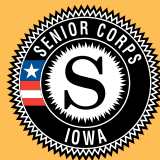


Senior Corps

Senior Corps is a network of national service programs that provide older Americans the opportunity to put their life experiences to work for local communities. More information is available at: www.seniorcorps.gov or www.volunteeriowa.org under the "For Organizations" tab.



Program Details

RSVP connects volunteers age 55 and over with service opportunities in their communities that match their skills and availability. Each year, the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service distribute over \$1 million in state and federal funds to RSVP programs serving dozens of counties across Iowa. Local nonprofits and communities can contact their local RSVP program about placing volunteers.

Senior Companion Program – Companions serve with elderly and other homebound persons who have difficulty completing everyday tasks.

Foster Grandparents Program – Foster Grandparents serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers for at-risk children and youth with special needs through a variety of community organizations.



Other Resources

Volunteer Training and Recognition Programs

Click on the "Training and Promotion" tab at www.volunteeriowa.org

Post Volunteer Opportunities Online

Click on "Post a Project" at www.volunteeriowa.org

Iowa Campus Compact

www.iacampuscompact.org

Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center

<http://nonprofit.law.uiowa.edu>

Corporation for National & Community Service

www.nationalservice.gov

Points of Light Foundation

www.pointsoflight.org

Iowa Council of Foundations

www.iowacounciloffoundations.org

Service Learning Clearinghouse

www.servicelearning.org

IowaGrants (State Funding Clearinghouse)

www.iowagrants.gov

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AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a national service program that enables individuals to commit a significant amount of time to voluntary service designed to meet community needs. AmeriCorps grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations, government agencies, or schools that enroll AmeriCorps members in an effort to address our state's most pressing needs in the areas of youth development, health, economic opportunity, the environment, and unmet community needs. AmeriCorps members may receive a living stipend during their service and are eligible for an education award of up to the amount of the maximum Pell Grant upon successful completion of their service. More information can be found at www.volunteeriowa.org under the "For Organizations" tab.

Resources Available

AmeriCorps*State – Annually, the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service provides grants to nonprofit organizations, schools, Indian tribes, faith-based organizations, or local or state government agencies to support AmeriCorps members serving in the community. Members can serve full or part time, providing services and mobilizing community volunteers to enhance your agency's mission. For more information on funding opportunities for new programs, contact the ICVS or see our website.

AmeriCorps*VISTA – For more than 40 years, AmeriCorps*VISTA members have been helping bring individuals and communities out of poverty. Members serve full-time for a year, providing capacity-building services to nonprofits, public agencies and faith-based groups throughout the country. VISTA members can help improve your agency systems, generate more funding, and can offer other indirect services to strengthen your abilities.

AmeriCorps*NCCC – AmeriCorps*NCCC is a 10-month, full-time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. Members serve in teams of 10 to 15 members to complete projects in public safety, public health, and disaster relief. Organizations can request a team of members to serve for six to eight weeks at their site.



Service Learning

The Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service and the Iowa Department of Education provide federal funding through Learn and Serve America grants to community organizations, schools, and colleges to advance service-learning. Learn & Serve grants support and encourage service-learning throughout the United States, and enable more than one million young people to make meaningful contributions to their community while building their academic and civic skills. By engaging individuals in service-learning, Learn and Serve America instills an ethic of lifelong community service. Also, Summer of Service Grants are available to engage youth in summer service learning opportunities for which students are eligible to receive a small education award. More information can be found at www.volunteeriowa.org under the "For Organizations" tab.



Iowa's Promise

Iowa's Promise works to engage communities around fulfilling Five Promises to Iowa's children and youth:

1. Caring Adults
2. Safe Places
3. Healthy Start
4. Marketable Skills
5. Opportunities to Serve

Iowa's Promise is part of an effort of the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development to connect communities with the resources necessary to fulfill the Promises while building public-private partnerships statewide and in local communities. More information can be found at: www.volunteeriowa.org under the "Our Programs" tab.



Iowa Mentoring Partnership

The Iowa Mentoring Partnership serves as the certifying body for local mentoring programs and currently supports a network of more than 80 programs from across the state. Through statewide assistance and advocacy efforts, the Iowa Mentoring Partnership works to support program providers and communities who want to operate top notch mentoring programs. Certification is free for all mentoring programs in Iowa and staff members are happy to provide technical assistance, support services and capacity-building resources. Information about funding and other resources available to mentoring programs can be found at: www.iowamentoring.org

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