

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.

Resources Available

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 \$1.2 million of state and federal funds to 22 RSVP programs serving 61 counties across Iowa. Local nonprofits and communities can contact their local RSVP program about placing volunteers. A list of Iowa programs can be found at: www.seniorcorps.gov/about/programs/rsvp.asp

Senior Companion Program – Companions serve with elderly and other homebound persons who have difficulty completing everyday tasks. More information can be found at: www.seniorcorps.gov/about/programs/sc.asp

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. Get more information at: www.seniorcorps.gov/about/programs/fg.asp

Other Resources

Iowa Conference on Volunteer Service
www.volunteeriowa.org/conf.html

Volunteer Recognition Programs
www.volunteeriowa.org/management/recognition.html

Volunteer Referral Centers & Volunteer Management Certification
www.volunteeriowa.org/management/training.html

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

Post Volunteer Opportunities Online
www.freedomcorps.gov

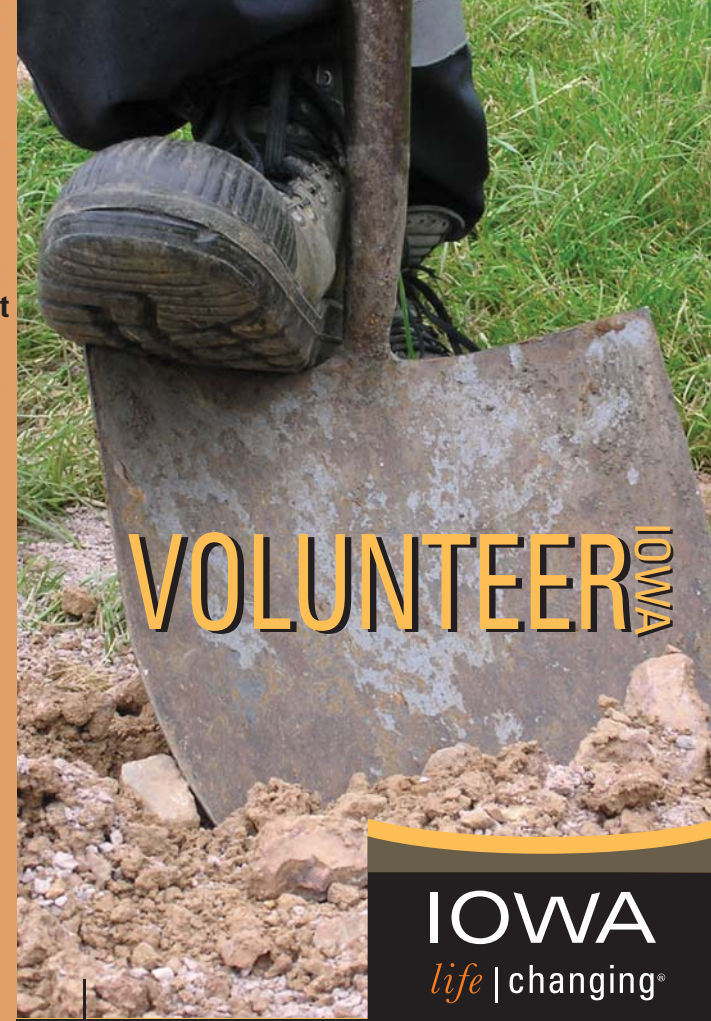
Service Learning Clearinghouse
www.servicelearning.org

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Resource Guide For Communities and Nonprofits

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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 (such as education, environment, poverty, homelessness and public safety). AmeriCorps members receive a living stipend during their service and are eligible for an education award of up to \$4,725 upon successful completion of their service.

Resources Available

AmeriCorps*State – Annually, the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service grants approximately \$2 million in federal funds to nonprofit organizations, schools, Indian tribes, faith-based organizations, or local or state government agencies to support National Service and volunteer activities in Iowa. More information can be found at:
www.volunteeriowa.org/ameri-corps/apply.html

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 in nonprofits, public agencies and faith-based groups throughout the country, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, increase housing opportunities, or bridge the digital divide. Get more information at:
www.americorps.gov/about/programs/vista.asp

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. Get information about having an NCCC team help your community at:
www.americorps.gov/about/programs/nccc.asp



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.

Resources Available

Training and technical assistance is available to communities to help them become a "Community of Promise". This effort aims to connect communities to all of the youth development resources that state agencies have to offer and helps communities structure their efforts around the Five Promises and the results framework of the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development. Communities can also apply for AmeriCorps Promise Fellows to help fulfill the Promises in their community. More information can be found at:
www.iowaspromise.org

Youth groups can apply for an Iowa's Promise Youth Grant: mini-grants to help complete service projects in their community. This program is coordinated by ISU Extension. Information is available at: www.iowaspromise.org – under "Resources."

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The Iowa Mentoring Partnership (IMP) serves as the certifying body for mentoring programs in Iowa and helps to build the network for effective advocacy of the need for caring adults to serve as mentors. We provide assistance to mentoring programs, providers and communities interested in certification. In addition, IMP assists with the development and support of a network of mentoring providers, provides training and support services to mentoring programs to increase their capacity, provides access to resources, raises awareness, and enhances the quality of mentoring relationships in Iowa.

Resources Available

Information about funding and other resources available to mentoring programs can be found at:
www.iowamentoring.org