

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, and improve lives and communities.

Our Mission:
To improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.





Disaster Services



Economic opportunity



Education



Environmental Stewardship



Healthy Futures



Veterans and Military Families

Agency Programs

AmeriCorps

- ❖ VISTA
- ❖ National Civilian Community Corps
- ❖ State and National



AmeriCorps Seniors

- ❖ Foster Grandparents Program
- ❖ Senior Companions
- ❖ RSVP



Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and AmeriCorps Partnership

The partnership between the Justice Department and AmeriCorps is rooted in the belief that together we will positively impact the lives of justice-involved youth by offering support, guidance and resources to help these young people overcome obstacles and successfully contribute to their communities.

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12 innovative programs that support youth transitioning back into
their communities

37 States

4,000 AmeriCorps Members

Partnership Organizations

- ❖ Judiciary Courts of the State of Arizona (Phoenix, AZ)
- ❖ Impact Justice California Justice Leaders (Oakland, CA)
- ❖ Public Allies (Chicago, IL; Indianapolis, IN; Milwaukee, WI)
- ❖ YouthBuild USA, Inc. (Roxbury, MA)
- ❖ Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (Taos, NM)
- ❖ PowerCorpsPHL (Philadelphia, PA)
- ❖ The Corps Network's Opportunity Youth Service Initiative (Washington, DC)
- ❖ Credible Messenger Mentoring Movement (Washington, DC)
- ❖ Milwaukee Christian Center Inc. (Milwaukee, WI)
- ❖ Renewal Unlimited, Inc. Fresh Start Program (Portage, WI)

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As an AmeriCorps member myself many years ago, I know firsthand what a great opportunity AmeriCorps offers for young people. We couldn't be more proud to partner with AmeriCorps to help system-involved youth overcome the barriers they face during reentry and provide them the opportunity to contribute to their communities, foster civic engagement, and improve lives. These young volunteers will gain critical experience and resources, while their communities get stronger. It is the ultimate win-win for public safety.

Liz Ryan
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Administrator

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AmeriCorps' collaboration with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention allows us to connect with young individuals who may have been overlooked by the system, recruit a diverse range of talent into AmeriCorps and bolster organizations with resources and know-how to support second-chance youth. We are honored to welcome new grantees like Credible Messenger Mentoring Movement and support their impactful work in the juvenile justice and second-chance arenas to make a difference and create brighter futures for our nation's youth.

Michael D. Smith
CEO, AmeriCorps

Credible Messenger Mentoring Movement

50 AmeriCorps Members who will mentor, support, and advance justice-involved youth

4 states - New York, NY; Columbus, OH; Atlanta, GA; New Orleans, LA; and San Diego, CA

AmeriCorps members will serve 500 justice-involved youth overall; 300 of the youth will be served through one-on-one transformative mentoring, with at least 60% of those increasing pro-social attributes, academic performance, job readiness, and recidivism avoidance, and 200 will be served through community outreach activities.



Impact Justice: California Justice Leaders

63 AmeriCorps Members embedded in community-based organizations across the state of California where they serve as mentors and credible messengers, helping justice-involved young people overcome many of the same challenges they once faced.

AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing Honorable Discharge and re-entry education to at least 275 beneficiaries and one-on-one coaching to at least 125 beneficiaries. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 15 volunteers who will be engaged in community outreach activities and events.



PowerCorpsPHL

118 AmeriCorps Members who will engage in environmental stewardship while building professional skills and gaining work experience that improves their employability in Philadelphia

AmeriCorps members will be responsible for revitalizing 600 acres of public land, planting 1,000 trees, and collecting and diverting 65 metric tons of debris. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 250 community volunteers who will be engaged in public green space stewardship that support PCPHL's and the City' of Philadelphia's sustainability goals.



Second Chance Roundtable Chicago, IL April 2024

Michael Smith
Sonali Nijhawan

Administrator Liz Ryan

20 community-based organizations



AmeriCorps and OJJDP Site Visit District Heights, DC July 2024

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