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## Education Programs Provide a Critical Return on Investment.

Supporting education is critical to how AmeriCorps ‘gets things done for America.’ AmeriCorps offers transformative resources, including funding and AmeriCorps members, to address pressing challenges in classrooms, schools, and communities through national service.

AmeriCorps and its partners focused on education help young people of different age groups succeed through literacy programs, mentorship and leadership support, college preparation, and more. AmeriCorps members engage communities and share valuable resources to support education across the country, improving educational outcomes for underserved people.

Return on investment (ROI) analyses help quantify a program’s benefits relative to its costs, assessing program performance and demonstrating value to stakeholders, while building the larger evidence base. Calculating ROI for AmeriCorps programs can entail looking at benefits (relative to costs) experienced by:

- AmeriCorps members, such as increases in their wages and educational attainment.
- Government, such as increases in tax revenue and programmatic savings.
- Society, such as improvements in college completion and increases in workforce readiness.

Education programs prepare students for high school completion, college, careers, and full participation in civic life. These programs not only demonstrate positive educational outcomes, but they also generate value from the funding invested in these programs. In terms of ROI:

- [Breakthrough Central Texas \(Austin\)](#) generates a return of **\$0.03 to \$10.22** per funder dollar invested.
- [College Possible \(College Access Program\)](#) generates a return of **\$1.50 to \$6.41** per funder dollar invested.
- [Colorado Home Instruction for Parent of Preschool Youngsters](#) generates a return of **\$0.12 to \$6.77** per funder dollar invested.
- [Minnesota Reading Corps \(Kindergarten\)](#) generates a return of **\$5.47 to \$6.99** per funder dollar invested.

### About the Office of Research and Evaluation

The [AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation](#) assists AmeriCorps and its partners in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data and insights about AmeriCorps programs and civic life in America.

### About AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, provides opportunities for Americans to serve their country domestically, address the nation’s most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement. Each year, the agency places more than 200,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in intensive service roles; and empowers millions more to serve as long-term, short-term, or one-time volunteers. **Learn more at [AmeriCorps.gov](#).**

