



National Service in Arkansas



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN ARKANSAS

More than 4,400 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Arkansas. Serving at more than 610 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$8,920,000 to support Arkansas communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$3,310,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 480 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Arkansas. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Arkansas Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 8,000 Arkansas residents have served more than 13 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$24,340,000.

Senior Corps: More than 3,900 seniors in Arkansas contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 2,800 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 320 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 240 groups across Arkansas.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Arkansas At a Glance

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	5	48	94	\$506,617	\$621,365 ³
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	3	3	33	-	- ⁴
AmeriCorps State Competitive	3	73	155	\$437,488	\$975,802
AmeriCorps State Formula	9	69	140	\$569,876	\$1,144,062
AmeriCorps VISTA	17	24	66	\$367,535	\$1,058,442
AMERICORPS TOTAL	37	217	488	\$1,881,515	\$3,799,671
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	6	143	590	-	\$1,919,369
RSVP	8	242	3,229	-	\$628,006
Senior Companion Program	2	16	168	-	\$469,037
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL	16	401	3,987	-	\$3,016,412
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance	1	-	-	-	\$25,000
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL	2	-	-	-	\$225,000
PROGRAM TOTALS	55	618⁵	4,475	\$1,881,515	\$7,041,083
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$8,922,599
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$3,317,175 ⁶
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$12,239,774

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2013 - 2014 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Arkansas. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- Arkansas is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in Denver, Colorado.
In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Mena, North Little Rock, Little Rock, Bluff City, Morrilton, Rogers, Kirby.
- The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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National Service Impact in Arkansas

AmeriCorps

Each year the Kiwanis Alternate Classroom Experience (ACE) AmeriCorps program in Little Rock turns around the lives of more than 150 children in third through fifth grade in a series of five-week, live-in sessions. Through intensive, on-site educational interventions, behavior modification, and family buy-in, children who created problems in school and at home are helped to understand and improve their schoolwork, appreciate discipline and structure, and gain a new lease on life before bigger problems can develop. At the end of the session 75 to 85 percent of the students routinely improve at least one-half grade level in reading, spelling and/or math. Results are measured by the Wide Range Achievement Test. More than half the results show behavioral improvement as assessed by teachers immediately after their camp session and through the end of the academic year. As a residential program, ACE is able to alter eating habits, increase exercise, develop an appreciation for the outdoors, and expand the minds of the students. Several alumni have returned as AmeriCorps members and have served with distinction.

AmeriCorps NCCC

The mission of the Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute in Little Rock is to improve children's health, development, and well-being through high quality research. Their vision is to be a leader in cutting-edge research that improves the health and well-being of children and their families. An AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) team working with the institute maintained four community gardens in the Little Rock area and six school gardens throughout Arkansas, as well as one organic farm. Specifically, the AmeriCorps NCCC team weeded, mulched, planted, transplanted, built crop beds, tilled soil, and harvested 5.25 acres of gardens and farms. Additionally, the team built two 30' x 48' greenhouses and two 4' x 8' compost systems.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The Our House AmeriCorps VISTA project engages eleven members to develop and coordinate programs and activities to transition people from homelessness into the workforce and permanent housing. In 2012, the VISTA members worked with Our House, Inc. to provide emergency shelter to 962 homeless people, including 238 children; provide transitional housing to 85 people, including 24 children; provide early childhood education to 96 homeless or extremely low-income school-aged children; provide adult education to 675 homeless or extremely low-income adults; and assist 416 formerly homeless people to move from homelessness into transitional or permanent housing. In addition, of the previously homeless adults who participated in Our House programs, 85 percent moved from homelessness to transitional or permanent housing, 59 percent left with full-time jobs, and 63 percent left with a savings account.

Senior Corps

Working in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service TCE and VITA programs, 32 WestArk RSVP members in Fort Smith prepared and electronically filed federal and state tax returns for senior citizens and/or low-income workers/families that may be disabled, non-English speaking, or living in a rural area. The free tax preparation and electronic filing service offered at the RSVP center aided more than 2,000 families who received \$2,448,930 in refunds. Federal returns were prepared for 2,007 families and as well as 2,257 state returns. Efforts to increase the number of families filing for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) were successful with \$708,083 in EITC received. Returns were prepared for 649 seniors who were 60 years of age or older. Tax efforts were supported by a \$15,000 Tax Counseling for the Elderly grant from the Internal Revenue Service.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	488	37
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	181	22

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Benton	Saline County, AR, HFH of (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Bluff City	White Oak State Park (April 1 - April 21, 2013) White Oak Lake State Park - Arkansas State Parks	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Brinkley	Rural Delta Renewing (Completed) Arkansas Land and Farm Development Corporation	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Conway	Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Current) Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Central Arkansas	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Conway	Community Connections (Current) Pediatrics Plus Community Connections	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Fayetteville	Apples in the Classroom (Current) Apple Seeds, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Fayetteville	ARISE (Current) Prism Education Center	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Fayetteville	Elevate (Current) Prism Education Center	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
Fayetteville	Legal Aid of Arkansas (Completed) Equal Justice Works	2	AmeriCorps National
Fayetteville	NCAT - Southeast (Current) FoodCorps, Inc.	9	AmeriCorps National
Fayetteville	NCAT Southeast Regional Office (Completed) National Center for Appropriate Technology	12	AmeriCorps National
Fayetteville	Omni Center Capacity Building Project (Current) Omni Center for Peace, Justice & Ecology	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Fort Smith	WestArk RSVP Community Outreach Program (Current) Western Ark Counseling & Guidance Center	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Harrison	North Arkansas Partnership for Health Education (Current) North Arkansas Partnership for Health Education	11	AmeriCorps VISTA
Harrison	Public Assistance DR-4124-AR (August 26 - November 14, 2013) FEMA - Region VI	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Harrison	SCA Arkansas (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Jonesboro	Justice for Arkansans (Current) Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc	9	AmeriCorps State Formula
Jonesboro	North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative (Current) City of Jonesboro	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Kirby	Daisy State Park (April 22 - May 9, 2013) Arkansas State Parks - Daisy State Park	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Little Rock	Alternative Classroom Experience/Summer Incentive Program (Current) Kiwanis Activities, Inc.	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
Little Rock	American Red Cross - Prevent, Prepare, Respond (Current) American Red Cross - Northwest Arkansas Chapter	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Little Rock	Arkansas 4-H Afterschool (Current) The Board of Trustees UofA, acting for & behalf of UofA CES	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Little Rock	Arkansas 4H Little Rock (November 10 - December 18, 2013) Arkansas 4-H Programs	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Little Rock	Arkansas Children's Hospital (November 10 - December 18, 2013) Arkansas Childrens Hospital	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Little Rock	Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute (April 1 - May 9, 2013) Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Little Rock	Arkansas Children's Hospital (January 17, 2014 - Current) Arkansas Childrens Hospital	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Little Rock	Arkansas GardenCorps (Current) Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute	14	AmeriCorps State Formula



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Little Rock	Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance (Completed) Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters	1	AmeriCorps National
Little Rock	Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance (Current) Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters	-	AmeriCorps National
Little Rock	Arkansas Reads (Current) Arkansas Literacy Councils, Inc.	38	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Little Rock	Better Community Development (Current) Better Community Developmant	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Little Rock	Building Nonprofit Capacity in Arkansas (Current) Arkansas Public Policy Panel	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Little Rock	City Year Little Rock - NATL (Current) City Year, Inc.	82	AmeriCorps National
Little Rock	Community Initiative of Arkansas (Current) DHS Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support	17	AmeriCorps State Formula
Little Rock	Community Investment Initiative (Completed) Arkansas Community Foundation	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Little Rock	Educating, Equipping, and Empowering Homeless Families in AR (Current) Our House, Inc	11	AmeriCorps VISTA
Little Rock	Ferncliff Camp (April 1 - April 16, 2013) Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Little Rock	Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center (January 17, 2014 - Current) Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Little Rock	Green Jobs and Houses for Healthy Families (Current) Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Little Rock	Love Your School (Current) City of Little Rock Mayor's Office	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Little Rock	Next Move Corps (Completed) UALR Children International	32	AmeriCorps State Formula
Little Rock	Programming & Capacity Building (Completed) Arkansas Coalition for Excellence	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Little Rock	Taking Action for the Future (Current) Literacy Action of Central Arkansas	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Marvell	Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center (Current) Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Mena	Queen Wilhelmina State Park (November 10 - December 18, 2013) Queen Wilhelmina State Park	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Monticello	AR Smart Start AmeriCorps Tutoring (Current) Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (SEARK)	73	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Monticello	Arkansas AmeriCorps Future Teacher Initiative (Current) Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (SEARK)	30	AmeriCorps State Formula
Monticello	Arkansas Coordinated School Health AmeriCorps Program (Current) Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (SEARK)	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Morrilton	Petit Jean State Park (November 10 - December 18, 2013) Arkansas State Parks - Petit Jean State Park	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
North Little Rock	Arkansas Public Assistance DR-4124-AR (July 15 - August 7, 2013) FEMA - Region VI	5	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
North Little Rock	FEMA- Joint Field Office- Little Rock, AR (July 29 - August 22, 2013) FEMA- Joint Field Office- Little Rock, AR	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
North Little Rock	Public Assistance DR-4124-AR (August 26 - November 14, 2013) FEMA - Region VI	5	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
North Little Rock	The Stand Foundation (Current) The Stand Foundation	14	AmeriCorps VISTA
Pine Bluff	PBPD AmeriCorps 1st Program (Completed) Pine Bluff Police Department	10	AmeriCorps State Formula



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Rogers	Hobbs State Park (January 17, 2014 - Current) Hobbs State Park	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Rogers	Hobbs State Park (November 10 - December 18, 2013) Hobbs State Park	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Springdale	AmeriCorps Family Outreach (Current) Springdale School District	44	AmeriCorps State Competitive
West Helena	Mid Delta Community Consortium ADRDN AmeriCorps Project (Completed) Mid Delta Community Consortium	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wynne	Community Outreach (Current) PIP CHED ROC, INC	3	AmeriCorps VISTA

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

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Senior Corps in Arkansas



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	3,987	16
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	642	2

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Arkadelphia	Southcentral Arkansas FGP (Current) Ouachita Baptist University	81	Foster Grandparent Program
Augusta	ARcare RSVP (Current) ARcare	226	RSVP
Batesville	Batesville FGP (Current) White River Area Agency on Aging	83	Foster Grandparent Program
El Dorado	El Dorado Connections (Current) South Arkansas Regional Health Center Inc.	200	RSVP
Fort Smith	WestArk RSVP (Current) Western Ark Counseling & Guidance Center	900	RSVP
Gillham	Western Arkansas FGP (Current) Dequeen-Mena Educational Coop	115	Foster Grandparent Program
Hot Springs	Garland County RSVP (Completed) Garland County Council on Aging	564	RSVP
Hot Springs	Garland County SCP (Completed) Garland County Council on Aging	78	Senior Companion Program
Jonesboro	East Arkansas Foster Grandparent Program (Current) East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging, Inc. AR	48	Foster Grandparent Program
Jonesboro	East Arkansas RSVP (Current) East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging, Inc. AR	300	RSVP
Little Rock	Dev Disabilities Svcs FGP (Current) Arkansas Department of Human Services & Developmental Disabilities	136	Foster Grandparent Program
Monticello	Southeast Arkansas FGP (Current) Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (SEARK)	127	Foster Grandparent Program
North Little Rock	Central Arkansas SCP (Current) Central Arkansas Area Agency Aging	45	Senior Companion Program
Pine Bluff	Jefferson County AR RSVP (Current) United Way of Southeast Arkansas	549	RSVP
Russellville	SCP of Russellville (Current) Area Agency on Aging of West Central Arkansas	123	Senior Companion Program
Springdale	EOAWC RSVP of NW Arkansas (Current) Economic Opportunity Agency Inc.	258	RSVP
Stuttgart	Stuttgart North Arkansas County RSVP (Current) Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce	286	RSVP
Wrightsville	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Central Arkansas (Current) Future Builders	510	RSVP

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.