



AmeriCorps and Your Agency

What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps meets human needs and encourages community development through the activities of program Members. It is supported by a partnership of federal and state governments and local communities.

What is AmeriCorps ACCESS?

AmeriCorps ACCESS helps refugee and immigrant communities gain better access to human services, build bridges of understanding with neighbors, and become economically self-sufficient residents of North Carolina.

AmeriCorps ACCESS Members are placed with non-profit organizations (Partner Agencies) providing direct services to the immigrant/refugee communities. Members commit to serve one year to provide cross-culturally competent services in: education services (K-12), job coaching and placement services, volunteer recruitment and management, English language instruction, and disaster preparedness education. In addition, some members may provide, case management, and information and referral services. Site placement is based on the skills and experiences of the Members and the needs of the organizations.

How can AmeriCorps work with my agency?

Depending on the needs of your agency, AmeriCorps will assist in placing an appropriate Member. For example, if your agency serves Spanish-speaking clients, we will place a bilingual Member with your agency. Based on your agency's needs and budget, AmeriCorps can provide a Member who will serve one of these positions: full-time (1700 hours) or part-time (900 hours).

What are the benefits to having an AmeriCorps Member serving at my agency?

AmeriCorps Members come from various backgrounds, age brackets, and educational experiences. But their common denominator is their desire to make a difference in their communities. Through the AmeriCorps program, your agency will be able to be matched with a Member who will provide service to your agency for a year. As well as the skill set they come in with, the Member will receive pertinent trainings through the program that will enhance their skills and knowledge to better support and serve your clients.

Is there a cost to my agency?

Your agency will provide a cash match for the Member (FT=\$9,000 and PT=\$4,500) per service year. The staff person at your agency who will be supervising the Member will be asked to attend quarterly trainings and provide monthly/quarterly/bi-annual reports to the AmeriCorps ACCESS office. These reports are short, pre-existing documents that AmeriCorps ACCESS provides you to fill in your agency's particular information. Completion of these documents is an investment in both the AmeriCorps Member and your organization to enhance services provided by your agency.

How do I get more information?

For more information on the AmeriCorps ACCESS Project, please contact the ACCESS staff at 336-256-1060 or via email at acaccess@uncg.edu. ACCESS's link for prospective partner agency is: <http://cnnc.uncg.edu/ameri-corps-apply-to-be-a-partner-agency/>. For more general information about AmeriCorps you can visit the National website at: www.americorps.gov.