

Helping Community Agencies Do More

AmeriCorps Community Corps Can Help

What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is a federal program that brings people together through national service to address the most pressing issues in our nation's communities. This is accomplished through a variety of programs and an extensive network of staff at the national, state, and local levels.

What is Public Health AmeriCorps?

In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AmeriCorps launched Public Health AmeriCorps in 2022 to specifically target critical public health needs. The purpose of this rather new program is twofold; first to address the current community health needs and second, to support the recruitment, training, and development of the next generation of public health leaders.



"I'm proud to be serving because I get to make a difference in my community and learn new things. ... I've gotten to meet and work with a lot of amazing people."

- Emily E., AmeriCorps Member



"Our AmeriCorps member has added invaluable support to the communities of the Chippewa Valley, it has been a joy working with her."

- JoAnna B., Host Site Supervisor

Tell me more about Marshfield Clinic's AmeriCorps program!

With over 20 years of experience and countless hours of service, Marshfield Clinic Health System (MCHS) hosts one of the largest AmeriCorps programs in the state. Public Health Community Corps, referred to as Community Corps, provides Wisconsin organizations the opportunity to host an AmeriCorps member thereby increasing their capacity to address the current health needs in their community.

Many organizations use the increased capacity to work on programs that target health improvement in the following areas:

- Food insecurity
- Mental health
- Alcohol and drug misuse
- Health disparities
- Healthy growth and development
- Immunizations

Community Corps allows individuals to gain hands-on, impactful experience and communities to receive the help they truly need.

Community Corps Host Sites

Frequently Asked Questions



What does it mean to be an AmeriCorps host site?

Simply stated, an AmeriCorps host site is an organization where an AmeriCorps member serves. The host site provides day-to-day management, supervision, and support to the member during their term of service with MCHS providing support and assistance where necessary.



Who can be a host site?

Wisconsin organizations working to positively impact community health and increase their capacity in doing so are eligible to become an AmeriCorps host site. Those interested in becoming a host site should apply using the application found on our website (found below).



What does it cost to be a host site?

Host sites with an active AmeriCorps member are responsible for a cash match payment per member to MCHS Center for Community Health Advancement. The amount will vary based on the grant funding available and the type of position the member has (half- versus three-quarter- versus full-time).



What types of activities could a member do at an organization?

Given the purpose of Community Corps is to help organizations increase their capacity to address local, community health needs, the service of AmeriCorps members is rather diverse. Historically, members have worked to connect community members to resources, create and deliver educational materials, organize events, manage social media or marketing, mentor youth, contribute to program management, and recruit, manage, and support volunteers.



After becoming an approved host site, who finds the member?

While MCHS does a lot of promotion for the Community Corps program, it is ultimately up to the host site to recruit, interview, and select an individual.



What is the timeline of being a host site?

The AmeriCorps service term runs from September through the following August each year. Recruitment for members starts in the spring and carries through the summer.

Still wanting more information? Visit our website or reach out to Megan Miroslaw, AmeriCorps Manager, Marshfield Clinic Health System.

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Where do AmeriCorps members serve?

Community Corps members serve at a variety of locations across the entire state of Wisconsin. These locations are referred to as host sites and can include, but are not limited to, health departments, schools, clinics, faith-based organizations, youth focused clubs, environmental organizations, and other health focused non-profits.



What is the time commitment of serving as a member?

Traditionally, there are three types of positions available to AmeriCorps members: half-, three-quarter-, and full-time. Half-time members serve 15-20 hours per week while three-quarter-time serve 25-30 hours per week, and full-time members serve 35-40 hours per week from September through the following August.



Will I be paid?

AmeriCorps members do get paid! Members receive a modest living stipend every two weeks throughout their service. They also receive an education award after completion of service to assist with educational training, student loans, or other qualified higher education costs.



What other benefits do MCHS AmeriCorps members receive?

Full-time members are eligible for health, vision, and dental insurance and child care assistance. Additionally, members are provided with public health and professional development trainings throughout their service term. Serving as an AmeriCorps member is a once in a lifetime opportunity to give back to your community while adding to your resume.



Are there requirements for becoming an AmeriCorps member?

AmeriCorps applicants must be at least 17 years old upon their start date of service, have a high school diploma or its equivalent, be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States, and pass a National Criminal History Check.

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