

AmeriCorps Seniors

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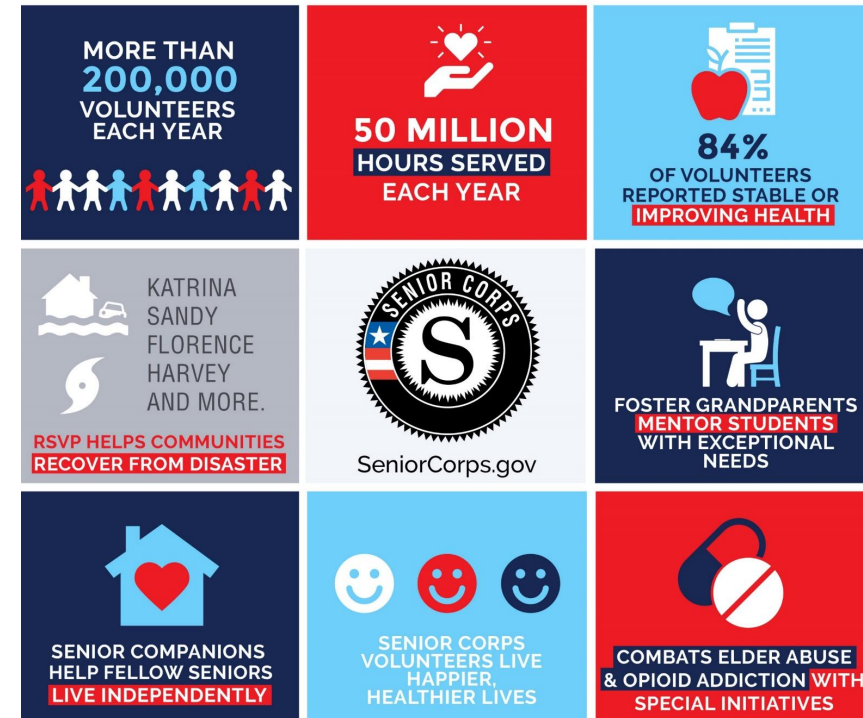
What is AmeriCorps Seniors?

- Nation's largest group of programs engaging Americans age 55+ as volunteers
- One of the oldest programs in the national service family



8 REASONS TO SENIOR CORPS

A program of the Corporation for National & Community Service



AmeriCorps Seniors Basics



“AmeriCorps Seniors is an umbrella term for 3 federally-administered national service grant programs-

- Foster Grandparent Program (1965)
- RSVP (1971)
- Senior Companion Program (1974)

- 1,100 projects nationwide, 5,000+ placement sites, over 200,000 annual volunteers
- Enables volunteers ages 55 and over to meet the needs of their communities and benefit from meaningful volunteer experiences.
- Funding from both Corporation and non-federal sources

AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program – Intergenerational Program



- Provides support and service to children and youth with special or exceptional needs – or in need of extra support to succeed
- Tutor children for improved academic support
- Mentor and tutor juveniles to support better decision-making;
- Models parenting and life skills for adolescent mothers; and
- Volunteer at schools, hospitals, drug treatment centers, correctional institutions and Head Start and other child centered facilities.

AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion Program



Promotes Older Adults Independence and Reduces Isolation

- Assists frail, homebound individuals, mostly elderly, with daily living tasks;
- Provides companionship;
- Serves as “eyes and ears” for social service case managers;
- Provides respite for family caregivers;
- Serves directly in private homes of clients providing respite to caregivers; and
- Provides transportation to medical and other appointments

FGP & SCP vs RSVP



RSVP



Foster
Grandparents



Senior Companion

AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteers



6

Average years of
service for FGP/SCP
volunteer

8

Average years of
service for RSVP
volunteer

73

Average age of
AmeriCorps Seniors
volunteer

Longitudinal Study



- AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteers Feel Healthier
- AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteers are Less Depressed, Less Isolated
- AmeriCorps Seniors provides access, structure, financial support to keep folks engaged over time
- AmeriCorps Seniors Works!

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/senior-corps-and-health-benefits>





AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Program NAPSA Support



AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Program



- Supports Elder Justice activities
- Tax Preparation
- Benefits Counseling and Support
- Meal Delivery for Food Security
- Mentor/Tutor children
- Support environmental projects and activities
- Provide financial counseling and coaching
- Assists with homeland security assignments
- Recruits volunteers and helps expand capacity of nonprofit organizations in their communities

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Potential Collaborations with APS



- Financial Counseling
- Intake call representatives – receive calls and forward to appropriate APS staff
- Support research investigations – gather initial information about suspected abuse.
- Report suspicious client activities to APS (RSVP and Senior Companions who have clients)
- Victim Support – Benefits education and application
- Provide telephone reassurance for clients

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP COVID Activities



Examples

- Online “Money Smart for Older Adults (Financial Education)
- Safe transportation to chemo and other necessary medical appts. (and running errands for necessities for older and disabled persons)
- Online and Phone Pal Reassurance (safety checks)
- Online education and resource development to support small businesses
- Partnership with Ombudsman – letters and cards to nursing home residents
- Making face coverings for local APS staff and other nonprofit staff
- Contactless meal pick-ups and deliveries

Community Impact



150,000

Children tutored and mentored*

365,000

Frail, elderly or individuals with disabilities reporting increased social support*

300,000

Veterans receiving CNCS-supported assistance**



* May 2019

** FY 2018 AmeriCorps Seniors Fast Facts

2021 AmeriCorps Seniors Funding Opportunities



- FY 21 RSVP Competition
 - Opened July - Recently Closed
- FGP/SCP Expansion Competition
 - Currently Open – Deadline February 3, 2021
- AmeriCorps Seniors Demonstration Authority



Any Questions?



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