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
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!

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
AmeriCorps Seniors
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**

200,000+ Senior Corps volunteers, including thousands of veterans
50 million hours of service
23,000+ unique sites each year

* 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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