



### Serve Rhode Island and AmeriCorps

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# About Serve Rhode Island (SRI)

- The state's leading resource for volunteerism & national service
- Main duties are to engage individuals and promote service & volunteerism in the state.
  - SRI is the statewide volunteer center after merging with Volunteer Center of RI in January 2009.
  - SRI is also the State Commission for National & Community Service, which administers and manages all AmeriCorps State programming (established in 1994, as the Rhode Island Service Alliance).

www.ServeRhodeIsland.org



## AmeriCorps

- A program of the Corporation for National and Community Service
- AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 members in intensive service annually across the country.
- 4,630 AmeriCorps members have served or are serving in RI, over 5 million hours to the community in 21 years
- AmeriCorps members are intensive full-time volunteers
  - Highly trained individuals who are focused on student success and community engagement



## SRI AC State Programs 2015-2016





	Program	Host Organization	In-School Support	Out-of-School	Summer and School Break	Parent Engagement
РК-К	Ready to Learn Providence	Providence Plan	Pre-K to K social/emotional and literacy development			Parent education about child development
K-5	MuseumCorps	Providence Children's Museum	Pre-K STEM enrichment	K-5 STEM enrichment		Free family nights at PCM
	Generations of Learning	Connecting For Children & Families	K-5 math & literacy support	K-5 math & literacy enrichment	K-5 math & literacy enrichment	
	Education Fellows	The Learning Community Charter School	small groups & 1-on-1 math & literacy tutoring	mentorship and tutoring		VISTA parent engagement
6-8	Turnaround Teaching Artist Project	Providence CityArts	6-8 STEAM enrichment	6-8 STEAM classes		
	TFA Rhode Island	Teach For America	Elementary to high school teachers			
9 - 12	Connecting Futures Pawtucket	Pawtucket School District	11-12 mentorship, career awareness and academic remediation	11- 12 academic remediation and career awareness	11-12 service learning	
	College Advising Corps	Brown University	9-12 college advising	9-12 college awareness		
	Connecting Futures Providence	Serve Rhode Island	11-12 career guidance, internships, service- learning	11-12 internships, service-learning	11-12 internships and service learning	



# AmeriCorps VISTA

- VISTA members focus on capacity building services
- SRI manages 18 organizations with 47 VISTA members
- Family and Volunteer Engagement focus for
  - Pawtucket Housing Authority
  - The Learning Community Charter School
  - Serve Rhode Island
  - Paul Cuffee School
  - Youth in Action





# AmeriCorps As A Path to Success

- AmeriCorps members receive intensive training and work experience
- Programs recruit members from the community
- During service, can be eligible for student loan forbearance, child-care, and health care
- Education Award for qualified student loans and higher education attendance (currently \$5,730)
- Education Awards can be transferred to children for members 55+



#### Resources

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