

Resource Center

Tools and training for volunteer and service programs

Recruitment, Orientation, Pre-Service, and In-Service Training Videos for AmeriCorps Programs

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Getting Things Started: The AmeriCorps Orientation Video (V0156)

Provides an overview of AmeriCorps for those beginning their year of service. Describes the mission of AmeriCorps, the history of national service, and what it means to be an AmeriCorps member. Available in VHS and DVD format. 8 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V0156>

AmeriCorps Orientation Video: Getting Things Done (V3354)

Offers the testimony of several AmeriCorps members and shows footage of them performing acts of service. Briefly outlines the history of national service and discusses the four purposes of AmeriCorps: getting things done, strengthening community, encouraging responsibility, and expanding opportunity. VHS format. 7:40 minutes.

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Walk the Walk: An AmeriCorps Recruitment Video (V1468)

AmeriCorps recruitment video and training guide. Volunteers discuss daily life and rewards as members of AmeriCorps. Locations of service include urban schools and rural flood sites. VHS format. 8 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V1468>

Everyday Heroes (V2171)

A collection of personal stories and interviews with 21 AmeriCorps team members as they make their way through a year of service. Reveals the hopes and dreams, successes and setbacks of a group of individuals searching for their place in the world and trying, against odds, to make a difference. Issues of race and diversity permeate every scene, with the impassioned voices of the service providers "talking across differences." VHS format. 59 minutes. See also the longer version (V1992).

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V2171>

NOW With Bill Moyers: January 16, 2004 (V2643)

This installment features the Earth Conservation Corps, an AmeriCorps program funded through the DC Commission on National and Community Service. Shows members from inner-city communities battling to reclaim their lives while restoring the Anacostia River and its surrounding neighborhoods. VHS format. 60 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V2643>

AmeriCorps Rebuilds the Gulf (V3433)

PSAs combining pictures of Gulf Coast devastation with images of AmeriCorps members and other volunteers assisting residents. Contains two AmeriCorps :30 and :60 second PSAs as well as "AmeriCorps in the Gulf" and "National Service in the Gulf" (each 3 minutes). Includes English and Spanish versions in DVD format.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V3433>

AmeriCorps: Persons with Disabilities, Getting Things Done (V0075)

Shows how people with disabilities can make profound differences in peoples lives through AmeriCorps service work. Footage includes a person with cerebral palsy working with elderly and "locked in" patients, a deaf person as part of a team that restores old houses, and a blind woman as the director of an at-risk outreach group. VHS format. 12 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V0075>

AmeriCorps: Making Reasonable Accommodations for Your Members (V0792)

Shows AmeriCorps members with disabilities at work in their programs. Provides examples of making reasonable accommodations. Discusses the importance of recruiting members with disabilities. VHS format. 15 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V0792>

The History of National Service in America (V0019)

Interviews of past participants in service programs with the message that even a small amount of people can make an impact on other people's lives. Chronicles the history of national service in America, beginning with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the Depression of the 1930's to the AmeriCorps programs of today. VHS format. 42 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V0019>

This Is National Service (V1498)

Presents an overview of national service. Provides footage of volunteers serving in a sheriff's department and in special education classrooms. Briefly outlines the functions of Learn and Serve America, Senior Corps, and AmeriCorps. VHS format. 5 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V1498>

They Changed America (V0003)

Video of still photos set to rock music, suitable for initiating discussion. Photos portraying various scenes of poverty or blight are interspersed with people working with other people to make a difference. VHS format. 3 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V0003>

The Power of One (V0045)

Timeless, award-winning message that is widely used by speakers and organizations to empower audiences, staff, teachers, students, volunteers, and individuals. Uses a montage of footage, music, and text to demonstrate how one person can make a difference and change the world. Highlights Mother Teresa, Gandhi, and other key 20th century individuals whose impact has been felt worldwide. VHS format. 2 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V0045>

A Year Towards Tomorrow (V2663)

AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteers reenact their experiences on a Navaho reservation in Lukachukai, Arizona and in an Atlanta, Georgia slum. They encounter difficulties and satisfactions helping develop programs and facilities in these poverty areas. Points out that the final stage of a volunteer's experience is to become "unnecessary" to the community. The film, narrated by Paul Newman, won an Oscar for Best Short Documentary of 1966. VHS format. 25 minutes.

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AmeriCorps: Making a Difference in Minnesota (V3353)

Exclusive interviews with a diverse group of past and current Minnesota AmeriCorps members interspersed with footage of them performing acts of service. Ideal for recruitment

purposes, this video will inspire and motivate others to participate in a year of service. Available in VHS and DVD format. 10 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V3353>

Texas AmeriCorps: Texans Are Getting Things Done (V0036)

Texas AmeriCorps members working in areas of education, public safety, the environment, and human needs. Members and staff speak on the benefits of service to themselves and their community. Available in VHS and DVD format. 13 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V0036>

Making a Difference: AmeriCorps in California (V0088)

AmeriCorps members in California at work in programs in the areas of environment, education, health and human needs, and public safety. Footage includes skits to teach violence prevention, working with at-risk youth, and working on juvenile crime with the police department. VHS format. 12 minutes.

<http://www.nationalservicerresources.org/library/items/V0088>