

Bi-monthly National Partner Update

National Service Inclusion Project

May 5, 2009

Important Information & Reminders:

- Please be sure to register for the 2009 National Conference on Volunteering & Service – early bird registration ends May 15th (Website: <http://volunteeringandservice.org>)
- We encourage you all to take part in the upcoming Serve America Act - Opportunities for Public Input (details below)

National Service News & Information:

Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act

On April 21, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. The Serve America Act reauthorizes and expands national service programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency created in 1993.



Overview Available:

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/serveamerica/index.asp>

Serve America Act - Opportunities for Public Input

The Serve America Act goes into effect on October 1, 2009. CNCS will be spending the coming weeks and months planning for implementation, and are very interested in getting your input as they move ahead.

CNCS is sponsoring a number of opportunities for public input over the next month, including listening sessions around the country, conference calls, and a web page for submitting your

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written comments (coming soon). The public listening sessions are as follows.

May 13, 2009	Springfield, MO	1:00 - 4:00pm (local)
May 14, 2009	Columbia, SC	1:00 - 4:00pm (local)
May 20, 2009	Washington, DC	12:30 - 2:30pm (local)
May 22, 2009	Boston, MA	9:00am - 12:00pm (local)
May 27, 2009	Salt Lake City, UT	9:00am - 12:00pm (local)
May 28, 2009	New Orleans, LA	1:00 - 4:00pm (local)

More details are available at:

http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/serveamerica/index.asp#public_input

CNCS Materials Available:

A web-based system can help you identify and order materials from the Corporation for National and Community Service. All publications are provided at no cost to the general public by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Website: <http://www.nationalservicepubs.org>


Upcoming Events:

AmeriCorps Week

May 9-16, 2009

AmeriCorps Week is a recruitment and recognition event designed to:

- Bring more Americans into service

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- Salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact
- Thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible

To learn more about AmeriCorps Week activities in your community or across the country:

<http://myproject.nationalservice.gov/public/indexSearch.aspx>

National Conference on Volunteering and Service June 22-24, 2009



The 2009 National Conference on Volunteering and Service, taking place June 22-24 at the Moscone Center - West in the heart of San Francisco, is the world's largest gathering of volunteer and service leaders from the nonprofit, government, and corporate sectors.

Conference website: <http://volunteeringandservice.org>

We are excited to have you all join us at the Immersion Learning Session, schedule for Tuesday, June 23 3:30-6:30 P.M

Service as a Bridge to Employment for Individuals with Disabilities

The historic unemployment and underemployment of people with disabilities is indisputable. Four out of five persons with disabilities are not employed nor are they considered part of the available workforce, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Given this data and our current economy, developing competitive

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and marketable job skills are now more critical than ever. Volunteering and community service are proven avenues through which individuals have been able to improve their communities, gain skills, explore career paths, develop social networks and experience the satisfaction of making a difference in the lives of others. Join leaders from the national service and disability communities for a powerful dialogue on service and volunteering as a bridge to meaningful employment for individuals with disabilities.

More Information:



<http://www.volunteeringandservice.org/plan/immersion-sessions.cfm>

Did You Know?

The Corporation for National and Community Service makes annual grants to state commissions on service and volunteering for placement of Americans with disabilities in national service programs and for reasonable accommodation of AmeriCorps program participants.

To identify the State Service Commission in your state, go to:

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/contact/statecommission.asp>

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