



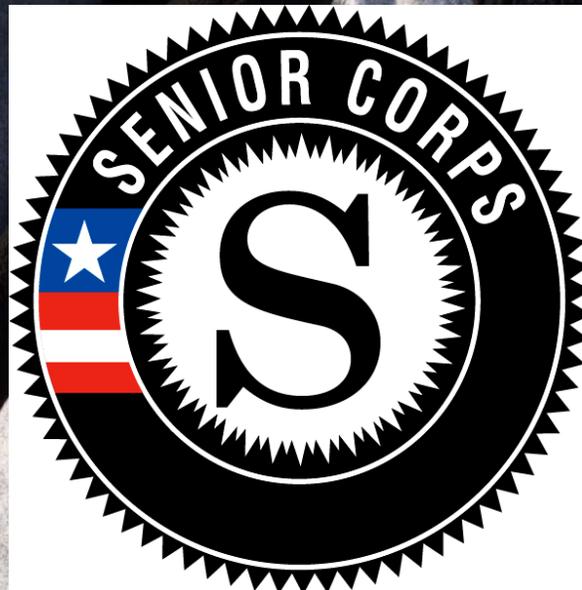
# COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION

Hyatt Regency Crystal City  
September 13, 2009

# Agenda Overview

- Getting to Know Each Other (Exercise)
- National Service – the Context of Our Work
- CNCS: Role, Structure, and Funding
- Mandate for State Service Commissions
- Commissioner and Staff Roles
- Commission Operations (Discussions)
- Burning Questions (Dialogue)

# National Service Programs

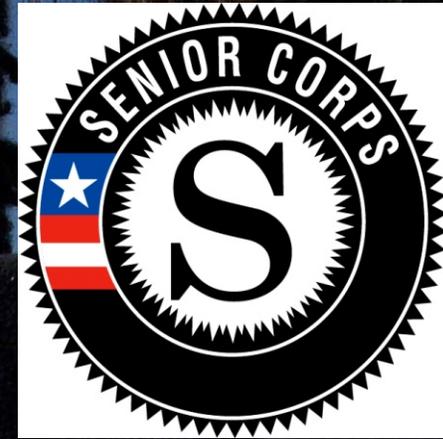


# AmeriCorps



- AmeriCorps VISTA
- AmeriCorps State and National
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps

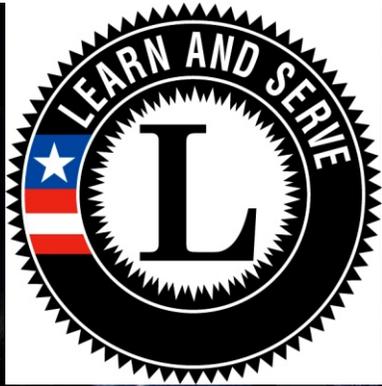
# Senior Corps



- Foster Grandparent Program
- Senior Companion Program
- MSVP

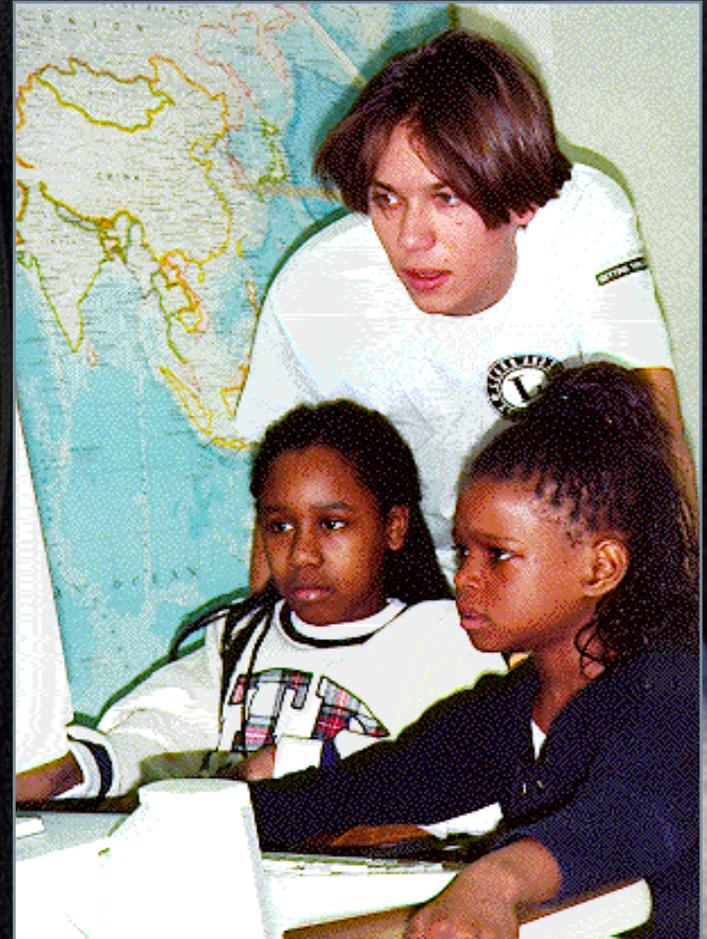


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# Learn & Serve America

- Community Based
- Higher Ed





# National Service

1. Education
2. Public Safety
3. Environment
4. Other Human Needs
5. Disaster Services



This is National Service  
Video

**CNCS**

**CNCS  
 State Office**

**State Education  
 Agency**

**State  
 Commission**

**Administered  
 Directly by  
 CNCS/DC**

**Senior Corps**

**AmeriCorps\*VISTA**

**Learn and Serve  
 America K-12**

**AmeriCorps\*State**

**meriCorps\*National  
 National Directs  
 and Award, Tribes)**

**Retired and  
 Senior Volunteer  
 Program**

**Formula**

**meriCorps\*NCC  
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**Foster  
 Grandparent  
 Program**

**Competitive**

**Learn and Serve  
 Higher Ed**

**Senior  
 Companion  
 Program**

**Special Disaster or  
 ARRA**

**Other Special  
 Programs**

**Learn and Serve  
 Community-based**

# What a “Corporation”?

- Part of the Federal Government's move to reinvent government and operate in a manner similar to large businesses and corporations
- *Board of Directors*
- *Performance-based workplans and assessments*
- *Create a “flatter” organizational structure*
- *Be able to accept corporate resources*
- *Minimize government red tape*
- Allow CNCS to be more streamlined, more accountable to Congress and grantees, and customer service-based

# CNCS Mission

- The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.



# CNCS Guiding Principles

- Put the needs of local communities first.
- Strengthen public-private partnerships.
- Build stronger, more efficient, and more sustainable community networks capable of mobilizing volunteers to address local needs, including disaster preparedness and response.
- Measure and continually improve our programs' benefits.
- Build collaborations wherever possible across our programs and with other Federal programs.
- Help rural and economically distressed communities obtain access to public and private resources.
- Support diverse organizations.
- Stimulate life-long civic engagement.

# Acting CEO

Nicola O. Goren

Goren is an 11-year veteran of the agency, having served since 2006 as Chief of Staff to the former CEO, David Eisner. Goren joined the agency in 1998 as Associate General Counsel and led the successful AmeriCorps rulemaking process and grants streamlining initiative. Goren worked between 1993 and 1998 in the legislative branch, first with the Congressional Budget Office and then with the Office of Compliance. She is a graduate of Cornell Law School and Brandeis University.



# State Service Commissions

- Created by National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993
- Governor appointed public agencies or private nonprofit organizations



# Role of State Commissions

- “Responsible for developing a comprehensive National Service Plan”

*---using service as a strategy to address state and local needs*

*---assembling applications for funding and approved national service positions”*

*---run fair and open grant competition*

- “Administer national and community service programs in the State”

*---monitor for compliance and provide T/TA*



# Requirements for Commissions

- Commission Board Members are Governor appointed
- The board will consist of 15-25 voting members
  - Not more than 50% plus one of the board may be from the same political party
- The Chairperson is elected by the voting members of the Commission Board
- CNCS will designate one of its employees to serve as a representative to each state or group of states

# State Commission Locations

- Governor's Office
- Lt Governor's Office
- Free standing or stand alone state agency
- Embedded in a State Agency
- 501(c)(3) Non-profit



April 21, 2009

Edward M. Kennedy

Serve America Act



# Major Themes

- Bi-partisan support
- Expand opportunities for Americans to serve
- Break down silos
- Reduce unnecessary burdens
- Demonstrate outcomes
- Innovation in the nonprofit sector



# A few caveats . . .

- Authorization ≠ Appropriations

Effective Date: October 1, 2009



# Expansion of AmeriCorps

- Sets AmeriCorps on a path to 250,000 positions by 2017
- Bill ties to availability of appropriations and quality service positions
- Includes all approved national service positions
- Includes goal of 50% full-time



# AmeriCorps State/National

## Trust Act

- 1% each for Indian tribes and U.S. territories
- State formula 1/3
- National Direct (appropriations cap, \$55M)
- State competitive at least 1/3

## Serve America Act

- Merges N. Direct and State competitive
- at 62.7% (State input on ND projects)
- State formula 35.3%



# AmeriCorps Overview

- Minimum State formula grant \$600K (or .5% of total formula allocation, whichever is greater)
- Cost per member (grant costs only) at \$18K for each grantee, with waiver authority up to \$19.5K



# AmeriCorps Overview

- 5 new Service Corps within subtitle C
  - Education
  - Healthy Futures
  - Clean Energy
  - Veterans
  - Opportunity
- Authorizes fixed amount grants



# National Service Trust

- Ties education award to maximum Pell grant (\$5350 in 2009, increases annually)
- Replaces two-term cap with aggregate of two full-time education awards
- Expands uses of education award
- 55+ may transfer to child or grandchild



# Disaster relief

- 90-day AmeriCorps term extensions
- More organizations eligible for FEMA mission assignments through CNCS
- National Service Reserve Corps for alums and veterans
- Priority for communities recovering from major disasters



# Social Innovation Fund

- Presidential initiative
- Provide seed money and scale up capital for innovative and evidence-based programs
- Leverage private and foundation capital to meet major social challenges
- Grants between \$1M and \$10M
- \$1 for \$1 match

# Volunteer Generation Fund

- Grants to State Commissions and nonprofit organizations
- Support recruitment and management of volunteers



# Other Programs

Call to Service Campaign

9-11 Day of Service

- Fellowship programs
- Silver Scholars
- Nonprofit Capacity Building grants