



NEBRASKA INTERCORPS COUNCIL

InterCorps Council (ICC)

The Nebraska InterCorps Council is a representative group composed of AmeriCorps members and other national service participants in service in Nebraska. InterCorps Council Members provide leadership in connecting and coordinating programs; increasing the awareness of the impact of National Service; effective outreach, community-wide service projects, civic engagement, promoting leadership skills and an ethic of service; and providing a forum for service members to voice collective opinions and ideas.

Membership

Members are selected by program leadership of national service initiatives in Nebraska. In selecting ICC members, program leaders should consider interest, and current or potential leadership, creativeness, action orientated, effective communication skills, participation in group discussions and geographic diversity.

Goals

- Develop the leadership skills of the membership
- Support meaningful and successful service projects and day of service activities
- Increase public awareness of the impact of national service in Nebraska in addressing community needs
- Create a strong voice for service members in Nebraska
- Increase opportunities for collaboration, understanding, and resource sharing between different streams of service
- Provide participant insight in an advisory capacity to ServeNebraska

Responsibilities

- Serve as ambassadors for the promotion of Nebraska's national service programs
- Participate in monthly (or more frequent) meetings and conference calls
- Act as liaison between the national service program and ServeNebraska -- promoting networking collaborating and sharing resources and information on a regular basis
- Promote her/his national service program with the ICC membership and the public
- Assume a key leadership role in at least one service project for the year

- Conduct at least two outreach presentations on AmeriCorps and national service
- Provide leadership to your National Service program for days of service that may include; Make a Difference Day, MLK Day of Service, Global Youth Service Day, Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, and AmeriCorps Week
- Assist with the promotion of inclusion with national service programs and Days of Service Events.
- Enhance the awareness of the impact of national service in Nebraska by collecting photos, stories, video among your peers and colleagues
- Provide at least two stories and photos of your national service program to be included in either the National Service Newsletter or the ServeNebraska e-newsletter
- Utilize your networks and contacts – including social media – to enhance understanding and appreciation of national service in Nebraska
- Develop a collaborative relationship with at least one ServeNebraska volunteer Commissioner, sharing the impact of your national service program and equipping the Commissioner to serve as an ambassador for your efforts
- Assist as mini-grant reviewers to critique applications received by ServeNebraska (MLK day and or GYSD)

Requirements

- Interest and Active Participation
- Two Outreach Presentations;
 - Each InterCorps Council member will be responsible for conducting two community outreach presentations in his/her community. Presentations will be made to increase community awareness of the local AmeriCorps program, its impact and service opportunities, as well as information about other national service programs. ServeNebraska will work with ICC members to identify appropriate organizations and groups for which to present. A general presentation format and training will be provided. Each representative will be responsible for scheduling, planning, and carrying out the presentations, in addition to submitting an outreach presentation report.
- Great Stories/Newsletter Article Submissions
 - Each ICC member is expected to collect and submit at least two articles about his/her program to be featured in either the National Service Newsletter or the ServeNebraska e-newsletter. These articles may promote the program as an opportunity for others to serve their community or highlight a special program event or accomplishment.
- Serving as a Liaison
 - Each ICC member must be active in representing his/her program during ICC meetings, and in return, communicate information at each of his/her regular program meetings. ICC members must copy Program Leaders and Site Supervisors on communications regarding ICC conference calls, meetings, and other events that will require time away from day-to-day program activities.

Support Services

ServeNebraska will provide a staff liaison to be an acting advisor and support ICC endeavors and activities. All outgoing communications, meeting/event scheduling must be directed through the liaison.

- Securing meetings times
- Coordinating training and member development opportunities
- Distribution of minutes, memos, agendas, and newsletters
- Assisting ICC members with project planning and implementation
- Updating guidelines and member rosters
- Promoting and recognizing the ICC accomplishments

Meeting Schedule

Meetings will occur by conference call and held at least once a month with additional calls scheduled for planning around Days of Service. When possible face to face training/ meetings will occur.

Future Concepts

- Conduct Webinars specific to national service that may include training in:
 - Team Building
 - Life After AmeriCorps
 - Community Organizing
 - Networking Volunteers
 - Leadership Development
 - Diversity
 - Fundraising
 - Dealing with Difficult Situations
 - Resource Sharing and Networking
 - Goal Setting
 - Strategic Planning
 - Proposal and Grant Writing
 - Working with the Media
- Create a bi-annual newsletter that is written, designed and edited by the ICC members
- Establish an annual report
- Establish a notable endorsement for ICC members that enhances their skills for future employment