



Ohio Community Service Council

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COUNCIL HISTORY

The Ohio Legislature established the Ohio Community Service Council in 1994. It administers grants under the Corporation for National & Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

MISSION ...

To strengthen Ohio's communities through service and volunteerism.

COUNCIL STRUCTURE ...

- 15 Governor appointees
- 6 state agency/legislative representatives
- Staff: 10 permanent

WE BELIEVE ...

Service is a Strategy:

Service helps reach goals, find resources, and makes Ohio a better place to live.

Infrastructure is Vital:

An infrastructure that connects and supports service and volunteerism can improve efficiency, effectiveness and satisfaction.

Collaboration is Essential:

Collaboration is the vehicle for sharing responsibility and combining knowledge, creativity, resources, and experience of others.

PROGRAMS

The Council's three programmatic focus areas - **AmeriCorps, Ohio Citizen Corps/Medical Reserve Corps, and Make A Difference Day Ohio** - help further the culture of service in Ohio.

AmeriCorps



The Council funds and monitors AmeriCorps - America's domestic Peace Corps. Entering its 16th year, AmeriCorps members across the nation serve more than 3,000 nonprofits, public, faith-based and other community organizations - helping meet critical needs in **education, public safety, health and the environment.**

Since 1994, AmeriCorps has involved over 500,000 Americans, age 17 and older, in community service. As part of this *national movement*, members serve one year, during which they receive a living allowance, health insurance, and an educational award to help pay for college, vocational training or to help pay student loans.

Ohio currently has:

30 programs with over 1000 members working in urban and rural areas.

Since 1994 ...

- 20,000+ members have served throughout our state;
- AmeriCorps members have served 30,000,000 hours and have been awarded \$50,584,015 in Educational Awards.

Ohio Citizen Corps



Citizen Corps, a component of USA Freedom Corps, focuses on opportunities for citizens to participate in a range of activities to make families, homes and communities safe from threats of terrorism, crime, and other disasters.

Citizen Corps brings together firefighters, medical/emergency health care providers, law enforcement, emergency managers and volunteer resources.

The Ohio Community Service Council partners with numerous agencies and organizations to implement Citizen Corps including: the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Volunteer Center Association, and the Ohio RSVP Directors' Association.

Make A Difference Day Ohio

The Council coordinates a statewide steering committee to help support and promote Make A Difference Day, the largest national day of helping others (*held the 4th Saturday in October*).



Honorary Co-Chairs



Jim Tressel
Head Football Coach
The Ohio State University

Frances Strickland
First Lady of Ohio

In 2009, more than 1000 service projects involving 40,000+ volunteers were completed across our state.

Make A Difference Day Ohio 2010

Saturday, October 23

SUPPORTING THE FIELD

Emergency Support Function (ESF) #6

As the *primary agency* for Emergency Support Function (ESF) #6 - Mass Care, the Council works in partnership with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

Tasks include monitoring and reporting on activities throughout response and recovery. ESF-6 coordinates and reports on emergency activities of organizations responsible for sheltering, feeding, counseling, providing first aid, related social services and welfare activities required to assist victims in an emergency.

Ohio's Blended Model



Since 2002, the Council has shared office space with the Corporation for National & Community Service-State Office. Together, both offices provide strong, on-going support for national service programs including: AmeriCorps, VISTA, RSVP, Foster, Grandparents & Senior Companions.

Statewide Conference on Volunteerism & Service Forging New Links March 15-16, 2010

Volunteer organizations in Ohio meet *each spring* to share successes, challenges and plan for the future. This two-day conference includes workshops and featured speakers. It concludes with the annual Make A Difference Day Ohio Awards Ceremony.



VOLUNTEERS have ...
Open Hands - Caring Hearts
SHOW YOUR VOLUNTEER PRIDE!

NEW Ohio "VOLUNTEER" License Plates to help support volunteer activities throughout the state are available at all BMVs!



The Ohio Community Service Council's Web site serveohio.org - provides information about National & Community Service programs, updates on legislation of interest to the field, education, best practices on screening volunteers, funding initiatives, homeland security updates, National Days of Service, etc.