



CHANGING COMMUNITIES. CHANGING LIVES.

AmeriCorps programs are touching lives and transforming communities every day.

This fact sheet highlights key findings for various programs in the Serve Washington portfolio that received AmeriCorps funding through the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Highlights from programs:



City Year Seattle is dedicated to helping students and schools succeed. A quasi-experimental design study of the program showed the following statistically significant findings: schools that partnered with City Year were two times more likely to improve English Language Arts proficiency rates than schools that did not and partner schools were two to three times more likely to improve math proficiency than non-partner schools.



College Possible makes college admission and success possible for low-income students through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support. Key findings from an analysis of post-secondary outcomes demonstrated that 98% of College Possible students are admitted to college, are 20% more likely to enroll in college, and are 3 times more likely to earn a degree compared to their peers.



EarthCorps is dedicated to developing environmental leaders. A quasi-experimental design study with randomized control showed the impact of members' actions on plant cover at seven restoration sites compared to control sites, specifically, significantly decreased invasive species cover after treatment, from an average of 96% invasive cover before treatment to an average 16% invasive cover after treatment, a decrease of nearly 80%.



Spokane Service Team builds community through housing development and education. A national randomized controlled trial included SST's YouthBuild program, which demonstrated that youth who participated in the program were more likely to earn a high school equivalency credential and enroll in a vocational or trade school.



Up2Us Sports identifies and trains young people as trauma-informed community-based youth sports coaches to mentor children and youth from under resourced communities. A recent quasi-experimental evaluation of Up2Us Sports' program suggested that Up2Us-trained coaches contributed to improved physical fitness and social and emotional learning outcomes among youth participants compared to coaches from comparison groups.



WCC is committed to environmental restoration, trail construction, environmental education, and disaster response. Using a quasi-experimental design with randomized control, evaluators demonstrated that WCC activities reduce invasive species cover, increase native cover, improve biodiversity, and improve plant survival statewide.



VetCorps helps veterans achieve their higher education goals. A quasi-experimental study identified a statistically significant increase in retention among veterans served by Vet Corps members, as well as a statistically significant difference in veterans' retention at institutions served by Vet Corps when compared to institutions without Vet Corps members.



Washington Service Corps supports primarily small and medium sized nonprofits in accessing and managing national service members across the state. They achieve this through program training, technical assistance, and member supports, aspects of which have proven effective through a randomized control trial. Without this support, organizations would not have the capacity to manage national service grants and deploy member service.

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