



WASHINGTON PROJECT IMPACT

AmeriCorps programs are touching lives and transforming communities every day.

In 2019, Serve Washington and a cadre of AmeriCorps programs* invested funds received from the Corporation for National and Community Service to learn more about their impact. This fact sheet highlights a key finding for each program that received the training in evaluation principles and implemented a rigorous mixed-method outcome evaluation to articulate qualitative and quantitative findings and strategies for program strengthening.


Highlights from participating programs:

Common Threads Farm grows good eaters by placing AmeriCorps members in schools to serve as Food Educators. 99% of teachers noticed an increase in students' sense of excitement and adventure when trying new healthy foods.



Port Angeles School District

AmeriCorps provides K-12 mentoring and tutoring support throughout the school day and homework support and a “supper” after school. Most students have times of calm and times of struggle throughout the day, because AmeriCorps members have the freedom to move between classrooms, they are uniquely able to support students as they can be available for a greater number of students who need support at varying times.



Cowlitz AmeriCorps Network acts as a multi-focused rural intermediary. They found that multiple host sites return to the program year after year and experience positive member outcomes because of the strong support in the relationship with the Cowlitz AmeriCorps Network leadership.

Serve Tri-Cities manages a network of projects that primarily address literacy and academic success, youth development, and public safety. 89% of AmeriCorps members surveyed indicated that having strong relationships with host site staff, program staff, and/or staff from partnering community agencies led to future job or volunteer opportunities.



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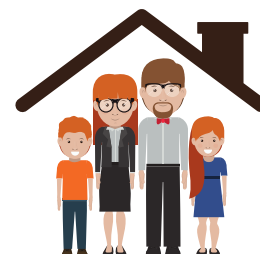


Youth in Service Program at Community Youth Services supports the positive development of children, youth, and the community. AmeriCorps Members reported that their success, their validation and their trust level was dependent upon their cultural competency. Whether a member was serving at a Native elementary school, a fast-paced high school or an emergency family shelter, each site has its own cultural norms and history. By bringing self-awareness and a willingness to learn, members who are serving in communities that are new to them are less likely to cause harm.



Vet Corps helps veterans and their family members navigate Washington's higher education and training programs. Members are using Vet Corps service as a way of finding a second way to serve, or a second mission. Finding a second mission is imperative for transitioning veterans. It's a way of finding a new purpose and meaning after military life is over. A second mission can often lead to new purpose and new beliefs. One member said, *"My beliefs have changed dramatically to reflect a kinder and gentler approach."*

Kitsap Community Resources serves in a variety of capacities throughout Kitsap County. AmeriCorps members are seeing the value of community service whether they want to stay in the field they serve in or not. They expressed a deep commitment to their service and a real pride in the positive results the service had on the community.



United Way of King County Benefits Hub connects community and technical college students with income supports to assist in obtaining a degree or certificate. Parenting students reported bringing back learnings from the financial education component of the program back to their families. This demonstrates a 2-generational outcome of increasing financial literacy for the family.

**Only highlights of evaluations conducted with Dialogues In Action as part of a Project Impact are included. AmeriCorps programs in Washington establish evidence levels and have conducted additional robust Evaluations showing AmeriCorps as a cost effective investment to meet community needs.*

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