

The Corps Network is a proud advocate and representative of the nation's Service and Conservation Corps. Our number one goal is to sustain and grow the Corps movement.

The Corps Network's member Service and Conservation Corps operate in 42 states and the District of Columbia. Over 21,000 Corpsmembers, ages 16—25, contribute more than 16 million hours of service annually.

Service and Conservation Corps provide a wealth of conservation, infrastructure improvement, and human service projects—those identified by communities as important. Some Corps improve and preserve our public lands and national parks. Others provide critical energy conservation services, including weatherization, restore natural habitats and create urban parks and gardens. Still others provide disaster preparation and recovery to under-resourced communities. Finally, Corps raise the quality of life in low-income communities by renovating deteriorating housing and providing support to in-school and after school education programs.



The Corps Network is modeling innovations in Corps development...

The Conservation Corps of Greater New Orleans: *These programs provide pathways to jobs in the green economy while serving as a vehicle for systems change: viewing youth as assets, employers as primary partners, justice agencies as allies, and education as a living connection to solutions for community needs—with a focus on energy efficiency and conservation.*

The Corps Network has established a new multi-site youth Corps for the Greater New Orleans region. The Conservation Corps of Greater New Orleans will engage 800 young people, including formerly incarcerated and court-involved youth, in environmental restoration, energy conservation, and restoration of historic structures.

Each Corpsmember will engage in service-learning projects focused on environmental and community sustainability for four months, gaining valuable work and academic experience, and developing tools including reliability and practical life skills. Corpsmembers also will serve a brief green economy internship at the end of their term of service, with follow-up support from the Corps continuing for at least six months following program participation.

Civic Justice Corps: *This groundbreaking model, which has succeeded at 14 sites nationwide, proves service is an effective strategy for re-engaging court-involved, formerly incarcerated, and disconnected young people.*

In the Civic Justice Corps (CJC), formerly incarcerated and court-involved youth reconnect with their community and find pathways to success through service. Service is the center of a model that includes formal working partnerships with justice agencies, employers, and other community agencies; individual case management and intensive services; lifeskills development, education, employment preparation, and meaningful service projects.

CJC Corpsmembers improve their communities by: planting trees in bare urban landscapes, weatherizing the homes of their low-income neighbors, replacing sidewalks on dilapidated streets, and installing green roofs on city government buildings. From California to Wisconsin to Florida, CJC sites are reaching young people who accept the challenge to serve—and the opportunity to turn their lives around.

