

# About the Partnership



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**MISSION** The Partnership is a national network of members dedicated to advancing service-learning as a core part of every young person's life and education.

Service-learning is a teaching method that engages young people in solving problems within their schools and communities as part of their academic studies or other type of intentional learning activity.

Founded in 2001, the Partnership concentrates on strengthening the impact of service-learning on young people's learning and development, especially their academic and civic preparation. The Partnership supports members by sharing resources, organizing change, and sponsoring innovation.

**MEMBERS** The network consists of more than 12,000 members in all 50 states and U.S. territories. We are young people, teachers, parents, administrators, policymakers, education leaders, community partners, businesspeople, and researchers.

**SERVICES** The Partnership provides:

- A national network of like-minded service-learning supporters
- Service-learning tools, resources, and best practices
- Virtual affinity groups and learning communities for teachers, community partners, young professionals, service-learning coordinators, professional development providers, and organizational leaders
- A quarterly magazine with news, resources and opportunities to take action
- National awards and recognition programs, including the **National Learn & Serve Challenge**
- Policy advocacy and representation through **Service-Learning United**, a coordinated grassroots campaign to increase policy support for service-learning

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