2016-17 Kentucky AmeriCorps Programs
Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service

ATEAM AmeriCorps

Sponsor: Barren County School District (Glasgow)
Program Co-Director: Shannon Bailes, 270-316-1005, 2401 McConnell Ave, Owensboro, KY 42301
Program Co-Director: Donna Morgan, 270-404-1201, 2477 Austin Tracy Rd, Lucas, KY 42156

Members tutor targeted remedial students in Kindergarten through 12th grade in reading and/or math using research-based curriculums. Members serving in elementary schools ensure targeted students are reading at or above grade level by the end of the academic year. Members serving in middle and high schools ensure students are performing at grade level or above in the tutored subjects. In addition, members serving at high schools mentor students to aid in the prevention of student dropouts and support post-secondary education and workforce readiness. Members leverage an additional 400 community volunteers for student engagement, and to support school-based and program-sponsored service projects. Learn more on the ATEAM website.

Bluegrass Self-Sufficiency Project (BSSP) Corps

Sponsor: United Way of the Bluegrass (Lexington)
Program Director: Emmanuel Smith, 859-977-7388, 100 Midland Ave, Suite 300, Lexington, KY 40508
Member Coordinator: Anna Kenion, 859-977-7383

Members support United Way of the Bluegrass’ funded partner programs in Central Kentucky counties and are responsible for moving more than 1,000 families toward self-sufficiency. Members leverage an additional 600 community volunteers to be engaged in partner program activities focusing on income and education. Learn more on the BSSP Corps website.

Christian Appalachian Project AmeriCorps

Sponsor: Christian Appalachian Project
Program Director: Amy Schill, 606-256-0973, 310 Beiting Lane, Mount Vernon, KY 40456

Members provide housing services, long-term hunger support, emergency assistance, disaster relief, early childhood education, character education and tutoring, summer programming, and elderly and disability services for people in need in 14 Eastern Kentucky counties. Members are responsible for a number of positive outcomes, including affordable, safe, warm, and dry housing, decreased food insecurity, the immediate meeting of crisis needs, increased school readiness and non-cognitive skills, and greater independence and social support for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers. Learn more on the Christian Appalachian Project AmeriCorps website.

Economic Empowerment Corps

Sponsor: Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Frankfort)
Program Director: Michelle Williams, 502-209-5382, 111 Darby Shire Circle, Frankfort, KY 40601

Members provide economic empowerment services to survivors of domestic violence through existing coalition program and community partner sites across the commonwealth. Members are responsible for providing 1,200 survivors with financial education, individual financial counseling and case management services. Members also provide credit counseling and will leverage an additional 600 community volunteers to support economic empowerment efforts. Learn more at the Economic Empowerment Corps website.

FRYSC & YSC Corps

Sponsor: Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (Shelbyville)
Program Director: Heather Musinski, 502-564-4986 x3831, 275 E. Main St, 3C-G, Frankfort, KY 40601
Member Coordinator: Carie Kizziar, 502-564-4986 x3843

Members provide literacy tutoring and student mentoring in economically disadvantaged schools in Northern, Central and Eastern Kentucky. Members assist K-12 students to meet expected literacy goals and increase positive behaviors. In addition, members will leverage an additional 150 community volunteers to serve as literacy peer mentors for elementary students. Learn more on the FRYSC Corps website.
**Gateway AmeriCorps**

Sponsor: Gateway Community and Technical College (Florence)
Program Director: Kylie Keene, 859-815-7788, 516 Madison Ave, Covington, KY 41011
Member Coordinator: Regina Owens, 859-442-1631

Members apply academic knowledge and skills to provide needed direct and indirect services to economically disadvantaged individuals and families through skills-based matched placements at non-profits, local/regional government agencies, or educational entities located Northern Kentucky counties. Members are responsible for serving more than 2,000 Kentuckians, and for ensuring at least 70 percent participating agencies report improvements in the organization's service capacity.

**Homes for All**

Sponsor: Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky (Frankfort)
Program Director: Sharron Johnson, 502-223-1834, ext. 1115, 306 W. Main St, Suite 207, Frankfort, KY 40601
Program Director: Caitlin Szabo, 502-223-1834, ext. 1117

Members serve as housing services specialists who provide case management, financial literacy, construction, rehabilitations, and other housing service activities in order to increase Kentucky’s safe and affordable housing stock for individuals and families that are low-income or have a disability. Members provide housing services to 3,500 low-income individuals or people with disabilities. At least 1,350 of these consumers will be successfully housed by Homes for All members. Members leverage 550 community volunteers to assist with goals. Learn more at the Homes for All website.

**Kentucky College Coaches**

Sponsor: Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation (Highland Heights)
Program Director: Kristen Hedgebeth, 859-572-7836, Founders Hall 538, Nunn Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41099
Program Coordinator: Megan Morris, 859-572-7725; Tori Vogelgesang

Members serve as near peer coaches to high school students in 32 Kentucky counties, assisting students in building skills and gathering needed information to succeed academically and to navigate college preparatory tests, find scholarships, complete federal student aid applications and choose a college or post-secondary program that fits their skills and experience. Members are responsible for assisting disadvantaged youth graduate from high school and enroll in college. Less than full-time members provide support for first generation or disadvantaged college freshman and sophomores in six Kentucky counties to continue support for students once they get to college. Members are responsible for assisting college students to persist in school and ensuring participating students graduate on time. Members leverage an additional 500 community volunteers to assist with college access activities. Learn more on the Kentucky College Coaches website.

**Kentucky READY Corps**

Sponsor: Eastern Kentucky University (Richmond)
Program Director: Amy Hughes, 859-622-8825, 521 Lancaster Ave, 50 Stratton, Richmond, KY 40475
Program Co-Director: Chad Foster, 502-622-2608

Eastern Kentucky University will commence planning activities in preparation to apply for a full AmeriCorps program for the next grant cycle. The proposed program, Kentucky Students for Disaster Readiness and Resiliency Corps (KY READY Corps), will focus students on strengthening disaster readiness and resilience.

**Kentucky Service Corps**

Sponsor: Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation (Highland Heights)
Program Director: Kristen Hedgebeth, 859-572-7836, Founders Hall 538, Nunn Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41099

Members, who are themselves low-income, first generation, disadvantaged, underserved and/or veteran college students, provide communities with service learning experiences in schools, nonprofits and government agencies across the commonwealth. In the process of providing service to others, members strengthen their own resilience to stay in college and earn a college degree. Members provide service to more than 5,000 Kentuckians, with at least 10 percent being college students at risk of dropping out. Members leverage an additional 400 volunteers to assist with program goals.
**Louisville Metro Parks AmeriCorps**

**Sponsor:** [Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/ServeKY) (Louisville)

**Program Director:** Laura Ryan, 502-574-6341, 1297 Trevilian Way, P.O. Box 37280, Louisville, KY 40233

Members help to protect and enhance environmental resources in Jefferson County. Members improve parks, natural areas, historic properties, urban forest and public lands through invasive plant removal and natural woodland restoration, restoration/creation of trails, tree health maintenance, tree replacement/new plantings, providing environmental education and interpretive services, and recruiting, training and placement of 150 community volunteers to support the program’s environmental activities.

**MSUCorps**

**Sponsor:** [Morehead State University](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/ServeKY) (Morehead)

**Program Director:** Mary Claire Williams, 606-783-2719, 201 Education Bldg, 627 E. Main St., Morehead, KY 40351

**Member Coordinator:** Rosita Napoleoni-Milan, 606-783-9574

Members provide evidence-based math and reading tutoring in elementary and middle schools using technology-based interventions to 900 high-risk, economically disadvantaged students in 22 counties in Eastern Kentucky. Members are responsible for ensuring 85 percent of enrolled students enrolled increase math and reading skills by one level gain, based on assessment data, and for ensuring 70 percent of enrolled students demonstrate an increase in academic engagement behaviors. Members leverage an additional 150 community volunteers for student engagement and tutoring assistance. Learn more on the [MSUCorps website](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/ServeKY).

**PartnerCorps School Turnaround**

**Sponsor:** [Partners for Education at Berea College](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/ServeKY) (Berea)

**Program Director:** Robert Bowers, 859-985-4003, 439 Walnut Meadow Rd, Berea, KY 40403

Members serve as mentors, college advisors and family connectors for students in rural high schools in Clay, Knox and Perry Counties. Members are responsible for ensuring students increase attendance. Learn more on the [Partners for Education website](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/ServeKY).

**PartnerCorps SOAR**

**Sponsor:** [Partners for Education at Berea College](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/ServeKY) (Berea)

**Program Director:** Dana Coots, 606-275-3225, 439 Walnut Meadow Rd, Berea, KY 40403

Members serve in rural schools in Leslie County and are responsible for ensuring students increase attendance. Members provide case management, mentoring and tutoring services to students and their families using the evidence-proven strategy called Check and Connect.

**PartnerCorps STEM**

**Sponsor:** [Partners for Education at Berea College](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/ServeKY) (Berea)

**Program Director:** Linda Stone, 859-985-3710, 439 Walnut Meadow Rd, Berea, KY 40403

Members provide tutoring and homework assistance in Algebra while connecting math to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) career pathways, in three rural high schools in Madison County. Members are responsible for improvements in academic results and in students’ understanding of STEM career pathways. Members leverage 20 community volunteers who are STEM professionals to assist with program goals. Learn more on the [Partners for Education website](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/ServeKY).

**REACH Corps School Turnaround**

**Sponsor:** [Jefferson County Public Schools](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/ServeKY) (Louisville)

**Program Director:** Ben Langley, 502-485-3926, 546 South 1st St., Room 204, Louisville, KY 40202

**Member Coordinator:** Jon Auslander-Price, 502-485-3949

REACH stands for Ready to Extend A Caring Hand, and members mentor disadvantaged students at priority and focus schools in Jefferson County. Members are responsible for ensuring participating students improve their attendance and academic engagement. Members will leverage 430 community volunteers to assist in tutoring, parent and community engagement activities and school-based service projects. Learn more on the [REACH Corps website](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/ServeKY).
**Senior Connections**

Sponsor: [Green River Area Development District](#) (Owensboro)
Program Director: [David Clark](#), 270-926-4433, 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY 42301
Program Assistant: [Carolynn Kelley](#), 270-926-4433

Members provide a range of services and social support to seniors, to reduce the rate of hospitalization among Medicare beneficiaries at a variety of service sites. Members are responsible for providing food, services, transportation and social support to 6,000 older adults in the 7-County Green River Area. Members will leverage 800 community volunteers to assist efforts to train with members to prepare for and recover from disasters that may affect the region. Learn more at the Senior Connections website.

**Teach For America – Appalachia**

Sponsor: [Teach For America](#) (Hazard)
Program Director: [Josh Sparks](#), 606-436-6000, 470 Main St., Suite 1, Hazard, KY 41701
Member Coordinator: [Rosie Ballinger](#)

Members serve as teachers in low-income rural schools across the central Appalachian school districts in southeastern Kentucky. Members are responsible for improving the educational outcomes for more than 3,500 students. Members will leverage an additional 140 community volunteers to serve as guest lecturers in classrooms, to work one-on-one and with small groups of students for remediation, and to assist students with college and technical school applications. Learn more on the Teach For America – Appalachia website.

**UNITE Service Corps**

Sponsor: [Operation UNITE](#) (London)
Program Director: [Melinda Kincer](#), 606-386-9077, 350 CAP Drive, London, KY 40744
Program Co-Director: [Marionette Little](#), 865-566-2177, 367 Beefhide Creek Rd, Jenkins, KY 41537

Members serve in 54 elementary schools in Eastern Kentucky, using a two-fold approach to provide math tutoring and healthy choices curriculum to address drug prevention education for 4th and 5th grade students. Members serve as drug education coordinators within their service site schools and leverage an additional 1,100 community volunteers to help with school activities. Learn more on the UNITE Service Corps website.