

Service Learning

Sonoma SERVES Training Program

Sonoma SERVES makes a difference in the lives of children and families through a range of exceptional programs. From morning until night, our tutoring, mentoring, and enrichment programs serve the needs of the community. SERVES provides AmeriCorps mentors and volunteers with training and on-site coaching; trains supervisors to effectively support mentors and volunteers; and develops partnerships with community organizations to create outstanding learning environments. SERVES also trains youth workers and volunteers in the fields of national service, character education, service learning, and volunteer development. This project began at Sonoma State University in 1998 with federal funding.



Comments from volunteers and AmeriCorps members about Sonoma SERVES:

I feel I have grown so much from this experience. I have become a lot more motivated in life because of this program.

I really enjoyed the training at SSU. The trainers did a great job presenting the information, the material that was covered was beneficial, and the formats were inspiring and motivating.

After this year, I have more patience and a lot more understanding for the children. The positive discipline training helped me to improve the attitudes of my students. Thanks for a great year!

AmeriCorps training helped me realize what I want to do with my future—which is to teach!

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Activities

- Offering training and support for local, state, and national service organizations
- Supporting educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and service groups to increase service opportunities
- Providing opportunities for citizens of all ages to serve the community
- Collaborating with community agencies, schools, and higher education to create learning opportunities

Accomplishments for 2005–6

- Trained over 250 AmeriCorps members and 400 volunteers on educational equity, community and families, healthy lifestyles, environmental stewardship, and more
- Provided train-the-trainer workshops to nearly 50 site supervisors
- Presented a series of workshops to implement service learning projects
- Held two statewide conferences for Promise Fellows
- Developed four national service day projects serving over 4,000 Sonoma County residents