



Civic Justice Corps

This groundbreaking model, which has succeeded in multiple sites nationwide, suggests that 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, and employment preparation—and meaningful service projects.

From California to Wisconsin to Florida, Corps have incorporated CJC principles into their programs, reaching young people who accepted the challenge to serve—and the opportunity to turn their lives around. 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. CJC's remarkable effectiveness is a tribute to these youth and the people who work with them.

Outcomes

- 126.2% enrolled (462 enrolled exceeding the goal of 350 at the 18 month mark)
- 339 formerly/currently incarcerated (exceeding the goal of one-half or 200)
- 48.6% received GED/high school diploma
- 72.9% placement in job/education (exceeding the goal of 60%)
- 81.7% retention in job/education placements (exceeding the the goal of 75%)
- 8.8% recidivism (exceeding the goal of 20% below the prevailing rate of 50-70%)

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The CorpsNetwork

Strengthening America through service and conservation



What are Corps?

Corps are state and local programs engaging primarily youth and young adults (ages 16-25) in service. The majority of Corpsmembers come to Corps looking for a second chance to succeed in life. In return for their efforts, Corpsmembers receive guidance by adult leaders who serve as mentors and role models, a modest stipend and a wide range of member development services including significant educational opportunities, career preparation, and the opportunity to invest in their communities.

What is The Corps Network?

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.

Corps in Project:

- American YouthWorks (TX)
- Earth Conservation Corps (DC)
- East Bay Conservation Corps (CA)
- EOC / Fresno Local Conservation Corps (CA)
- Greater Miami Service Corps (FL)
- Heart of Oregon
- Lowcountry Civic Justice Corps (SC)
- Mile High Youth Corps (CO)
- New Jersey Youth Corps of Camden County / The Work Group
- Operation Fresh Start (WI)
- Sacramento Local Conservation Corps (CA)
- WSOS Quilter Civilian Conservation Corps (OH)
- Urban Corps of San Diego (CA)





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