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AmeriCorps members improve natural resources in state parks and other public lands throughout the State of Florida by removing exotic plants, reintroducing native species, surveying for endangered animals and plants, improving beaches and rivers, conducting controlled burns, and maintaining trails. Members also conduct environmental education and interpretive programs for communities to foster awareness and develop a greater appreciation for the environment. The program also has a community involvement and volunteer development component.

Program Focus: Environment **Program Year: Jan – Dec**

BAY COUNTY

AmeriCorps Goodwill GoodWorks!

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Program Focus: Education **Program Year: Sept-Aug**

BROWARD COUNTY

AmeriCorps Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Program

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AmeriCorps members will participate in 5 domestic violence education and prevention activities including: Speaker's Bureau domestic violence prevention and intervention messaging for community groups and workplaces; Youth domestic violence prevention presentations including: It's Not Ok and Get Real About Violence at schools, college campuses and other nonprofit organizations; Men and boys-focused domestic violence prevention messaging, especially with sports groups; Faith-based domestic violence prevention activities and presentations for youth ministries and churches; Neighborhood-based domestic violence prevention activities. The goal is to raise awareness to prevent and end domestic abuse.

Program Focus: Human Needs **Program Year: Sept-Aug**

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DUVAL COUNTY

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AmeriCorps members provide reading tutoring services to students in grades K-8. Members also participate in community events to promote, encourage, and support family and adult literacy. The goal of the program is to increase reading skills of students through individual and small group reading tutoring.

Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Sept – Aug

AmeriCorps Youth Transition

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AmeriCorps members provide transitional services for young adults with developmental disabilities in partnership with the University of North Florida. Members mentor the transitional program participants to help them succeed in class work and developing social and independent living skills. In addition, members provide various services at a child care center, a women's health center, volunteer center and other U.N.F. student services programs.

Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Sept-Aug

AmeriCorps Get REAL! Mentoring

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Girl Scouts of Gateway Council's Get Real! Mentoring program utilizes AmeriCorps members to provide individual and group mentoring to increase youths' skills for making positive life choices regarding self-esteem, relationships, abstinence, and conflict resolution. AmeriCorps members will utilize the Get REAL! Curriculum to assist students to meet the program goals.

Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Sept-Aug

Teach For America

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AmeriCorps members serve as full-time teachers in K-12 classrooms in Duval County Public Schools. The program recruits college graduates to serve two year terms as public school teachers. The intent of the program is to place crucially needed highly qualified teachers in schools with significant numbers of high-risk students. Members are paid a salary by the school system and receive a financial education award upon successful completion of service.

Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Aug-July

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

AmeriCorps Coalition of Escambia and Santa Rosa (ACES) – DCFS

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Program Year: Jan-Dec



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GADSDEN COUNTY

AmeriCorps Gadsden Reads!

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AmeriCorps members promote literacy and work to increase reading comprehension levels at Gadsden Elementary Magnet School and in other areas of Gadsden County. AmeriCorps Gadsden members provide tutoring and small group readings; assist in administering family reading programs; facilitate a community service day; and sponsor summer reading programs, family literacy and English classes. Members also enhance their own literacy skills thereby preparing them for future employment.

Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Aug-July

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Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Sept-Aug

GULF COUNTY

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Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Sept-Aug

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

AmeriCorps Hillsborough Reads!

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AmeriCorps members address the critical education needs of Hillsborough County public elementary schools by serving as one-on-one literacy tutors and academic mentors for primary struggling readers, thereby helping students to complete their year at grade level. Some members recruit, train and support a group of community and student volunteers to serve as school-based reading tutors in elementary sites throughout the District, establishing a volunteer base of effective and well-trained volunteers. Members also encourage parent involvement and community strengthening by providing reading workshops to parents and guardians.

Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Aug - July

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

AmeriCorps St. Lucie & Indian River Reads

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AmeriCorps members provide reading tutoring services to students in grades K-3 in St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. Members also participate in community events to promote, encourage, and support family and adult literacy. The goal of the program is to increase reading skills of students through individual and small group reading tutoring.

Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Aug - July



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Program Year: Sept-Aug

JACKSON COUNTY

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Program Focus: Education Program Year: Sept-Aug

LEE COUNTY

AmeriCorps Red Cross of Florida Gulf Coast

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AmeriCorps members serve as disaster and emergency responders and community disaster education presenters. The education component is designed to increase public awareness and education of students and communities to prevent, prepare for and cope with all types of emergencies and disasters. In the event of a disaster, members are trained to deliver direct services to disaster victims by providing support to all Red Cross disaster assistance functions.

Program Focus: Human Needs/Homeland Security

Program Year: Jan- Dec

AmeriCorps Serving Suncoast Seniors

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AmeriCorps members provide services within senior centers located in Sarasota and Lee Counties. Members assist with meal distribution, facilitate senior activities, conduct enrichment and educational programs and provide respite services for caregivers. Members also recruit volunteers to assist in the provision of services to seniors.

LEON COUNTY

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Program Focus: Education Program Year: Sept-Aug

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

AmeriCorps Miami Reads!

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AmeriCorps members will serve as individual reading tutors for struggling students in grades K-5 at five area elementary schools in Miami-Dade counties. AmeriCorps members also provide after school and summer camp activities at three inner-city community centers and public parks during the summer. The goal of the program is to increase the reading skills of identified low-achieving students.

Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Sept-Aug

AmeriCorps Trinity

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AmeriCorps members provide academic support, mentoring, abstinence education, FCAT preparation and peer leadership training in its Out-of-School program. The program also provides social service assistance in the areas of information & referral, professional development,



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foreclosure aid and help applying for public benefits. The goals of the program are to provide safe and supportive communities and school success.

Program Focus: Education/Human Needs

Program Year: Aug – July

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (cont.)

AmeriCorps YouthPride

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AmeriCorps members provide after-school tutoring at community centers in Florida City. Members also serve as counselors at summer camp programs and assist in the development of parent training programs.

Program Focus: Education/Human Needs

Program Year: Sept – Aug

AmeriCorps Red Cross Greater Miami

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AmeriCorps members serve as disaster and emergency responders and community disaster education presenters. The education component is designed to increase public awareness and education of students and communities to prevent, prepare for and cope with all types of emergencies and disasters. In the event of a disaster, members are trained to deliver direct services to disaster victims by providing support to all Red Cross disaster assistance functions. The agency serves four communities in South Florida: the City of Miami, Homestead, the Upper Keys and Key West.

Program Focus: Homeland Security/Disaster Response

Program Year: Jan - Dec

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The AmeriCorps SFLUM program provides after school activities and economic development programs in impoverished areas of Miami,

Florida. AmeriCorps members also serve at Community Resource Prosperity Centers where they assist in hunger relief efforts, tax preparation, energy assistance programs and facilitate financial literacy and advanced business training seminars.

Program Focus: Education/Human Needs

Program Year: Aug-July

City Year Miami

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City Year is a nationally recognized program that engages youth ages 17-24 in a year of service. The City Year model includes placing AmeriCorps members in low performing schools to provide tutoring and mentoring. In addition, Members coordinate service learning programs such as the nationally recognized Young Heroes program with local students. The Young Heroes program involves at-risk elementary and middle school students meeting on Saturdays to learn about a community issue such as homelessness, and crime.

Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Aug - July

AmeriCorps Strong Women, Strong Girls

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The Strong Women, Strong Girls program provides mentoring for girls in grades 3-5 during after school hours at local elementary schools and community centers. Mentors lead the girls in the study of contemporary and historic female role models, learning activities, service projects and educational field trips. The program also pairs professional women with college-aged females in the college mentorship aspect of the program. The goal of the program is to help at-risk females build internal assets and skills for success.

Program Focus: Education

Program Year: Sept-Aug

Teach For America

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AmeriCorps members serve as full-time teachers in K-12 classrooms in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The program recruits college



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Program Focus: Education **Program Year:** Aug-July

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (cont.)

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Program Focus: Education **Program Year:** Sept-Aug

AmeriCorps Switchboard of Miami

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Switchboard of Miami utilizes AmeriCorps members to address human service needs by connecting Miami-Dade County's residents with community resources, providing crisis counseling, and suicide prevention. AmeriCorps member will also serve at-risk youth through Switchboard's diversion program.

Program Focus: Human Needs **Program Year:** Sept-Aug

OKALOOSA/WALTON COUNTY

Ready to Intervene

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The Ready to Intervene program will provide general academic support to K-5 students utilizing the Ready to Intervene model at 23 local schools. Members will provide individual and small group tutoring across all academic areas on a regular basis with an intensity of 30-45 minutes

occurring in 4-5 session each week per student. The goal is to improve student attitude toward academics and ensure promotion to the next grade level. There will also be a volunteer recruitment focus.

Program Focus: Education **Program Year:** Aug-Sept.

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OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

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Program Focus: Education **Program Year:** Aug – July

ORANGE COUNTY

AmeriCorps Florida State Parks South Team

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Program Focus: Environment **Program Year:** Jan – Dec

ORANGE COUNTY (cont.)

City Year Orlando

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Program Focus: Education **Program Year:** Aug - July

OSCEOLA COUNTY

AmeriCorps Community Resource Navigators

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The Osceola County Council on Aging AmeriCorps members serve as Community Resource Navigators. Members who are Baby Boomers and adult students assist clients in accessing a range of health and human services to help them gain economic self-sufficiency. In addition, members recruit and mentor 12 volunteer Community Resource Navigators to increase the number of clients served and build sustainability.

Program Focus: Human Needs **Program Year:** Sept-Au

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Literacy AmeriCorps Palm Beach County

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AmeriCorps members promote literacy and volunteerism in distressed communities and low performing schools in Palm Beach County. Members serve in sites throughout the county to provide GED and Adult Literacy services. Members also serve as graduation coaches by mentoring students at risk of dropping out of school and regularly participate in community events to increase volunteerism.

Program Focus: Education **Program Year:** Aug – July

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Program Focus: Human Needs **Program Year:** Jan-Dec

PINELLAS COUNTY

AmeriCorps Clearwater

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AmeriCorps Clearwater is a sponsored by the Clearwater Police Department. Members assist with crime prevention and community policing efforts to foster citizen responsibility. They conduct neighborhood and high school crime watches, build neighborhood unity through educational opportunities, and conduct safety patrols of area parks and trails. The majority of the members participate in the Community Quick Response Team in order to support law enforcement personnel.

Program Focus: Public Safety **Program Year:** Jan – Dec

POLK COUNTY

AmeriCorps Polk Reads

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AmeriCorps members provide reading tutoring services to elementary students in grades K-3. The goal of the program is to significantly increase reading skills of low-achieving students. Members recruit and train high school students to tutor younger students and also serve as mentors to increase students' self-image and overall attitude toward school.

Program Focus: Education **Program Year:** Sept – Aug

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

AmeriCorps Coalition of Escambia and Santa Rosa (ACES) – DCF

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SARASOTA COUNTY

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Program Focus: Human Services **Program Year:** Sept-Aug

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

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AmeriCorps members provide reading tutoring services to students in grades K-3 in St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. Members also participate in community events to promote, encourage, and support family and adult literacy. The goal of the program is to increase reading skills of students through individual and small group reading tutoring.

Program Focus: Education **Program Year:** Aug – July

WASHINGTON COUNTY

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A new program created to help Panhandle residents impacted by the economic downturn to access needed job training and supports. The program's goal is to reach over 200 clients in 12 counties. Some of the focus areas include job training, resource connections, financial literacy, and housing assistance.

Program Focus: Education Program Year: Sept-Aug

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AmeriCorps members improve natural resources in state parks and other public lands throughout the State of Florida by removing exotic plants, reintroducing native species, surveying for endangered animals and plants, improving beaches and rivers, conducting controlled burns, and maintaining trails. Members also conduct environmental education and interpretive programs for communities to foster awareness and develop a greater appreciation for the environment. The program also has a community involvement and volunteer development component.

Program Focus: Environment Program Year: Jan – Dec

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AmeriCorps Members will mentor at-risk youth in grades 6-12 with the purpose of improving college readiness and access. In addition, they will participate in service-learning and volunteer projects alongside mentees and leverage additional student and community volunteers to address school and community needs.

Program Focus: Youth Mentoring Program Year: Sept-Aug