

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

Required AmeriCorps Member Trainings – 2009-10

The following are required member trainings and suggested resources:

1. **American Red Cross certified or comparable CPR and First Aid training - *(Programs must insure all members are trained & certified in CPR and First Aid)***
Resources include local chapters of the American Red Cross; Fire Departments; Health Departments and county or city Adult Education programs.
2. **Appreciating Diversity Training** – Resources include college and/or university departments of Social Work; local Volunteer Centers; local chapters of the American Red Cross. Selected AmeriCorps Program Directors are also Diversity trainers.
3. **Citizenship Training - Selected Program Directors are Citizenship trainers.**
CNCS has developed “A Guide to Effective Citizenship through AmeriCorps” and “By the People, Citizenship and National Service,” – both are available online at <http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/ac-citizenship>
Also see: <http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/citizenship-directory-1>
3. **Disability Awareness and Appreciation Training** – Resources are local organizations serving persons with disabilities (for example, Centers for Independent Living) For approval of learning objectives, contact Paul Martell, Disability Outreach Manager, Volunteer Florida - paul@volunteerflorida.org or 850.414.0093.
5. **Disaster Preparedness and Response (Two trainings are required for members.)**
 - a. All members must complete Disaster 101, available from Volunteer Florida, or a similar introductory training from a local emergency management agency. Note: for Members who also wish to take American Red Cross (ARC) Emergency Shelter Operations Training, the required introductory training will be provided by ARC.
 - b. All members must also complete a second disaster training of their choice, as available, from the following list:
 - 1) Emergency Shelter Operations, available through ARC (Members must also take the pre-requisite ARC introductory course “Fulfilling our Mission”)
 - 2) Emergency Temporary Roofing, available through Volunteer Florida
 - 3) Points of Distribution (PODs), available through Volunteer Florida
 - 4) Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Simulation, available from Volunteer Florida.
6. **Life after AmeriCorps training.** Training AmeriCorps Members for life after AmeriCorps service includes: a) Civic engagement activities that promote a lifelong ethic of service and volunteerism; b) Leadership Development; c) Goal Setting; and d) Career Exploration and Resume Writing. Resources include the National Service Resource Center (www.nationalserviceresources.org); Volunteer Florida Program Consultants.

For individual members who are interested in additional emergency management training beyond what the Corps does together, go to <http://training.fema.gov/IS/> for general information about the FEMA Independent Study Program (ISP) and a list of Independent Study courses offered.

For assistance with Member trainings, contact: Dee Wilder, Volunteer Florida Program Development and Training Manager, at dee@volunteerflorida.org or 850.410.3452.

