

## July - August 2010 Training News



### **Greetings National Service Partners!**

*This bi-monthly training newsletter provides information you will need for planning ahead to attend upcoming trainings to support your professional development. Selected training resources and grant deadlines are also listed.*

*Please note: If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any Volunteer Florida sponsored training, contact Dee Wilder with your request at 850-410-3452 at least one week prior to the event.*

### **Training News and Upcoming Deadlines & Events**

The Fourth Annual **AmeriCorps Week** in Florida was a huge success! In a statewide service project titled "I CAN," AmeriCorps members, alums, grantees, program partners, and friends joined with local food banks while shining a spotlight on the work done by members and motivating more Americans to serve their communities. Volunteer Florida partnered with sixteen AmeriCorps programs in "I CAN," whose members collected and donated a total of 13,783.5 pounds of canned goods to Florida's local food banks during May 8-14, 2010. Also during 2010 AmeriCorps Week, the 6 Days 6 Ramps service project was held statewide and resulted in 27 ramps being completed for persons with disabilities in Daytona Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, Kissimmee, Sarasota, and Winter Park. Over 200 volunteers, including 13 volunteers with disabilities, logged more than 880 volunteer hours while participating in this awesome service experience. Congratulations to all 2010 National AmeriCorps Week participants!

**July 18 – 21, 2010** Volunteer Florida will conduct the first annual Project Impact Advanced Youth Leadership Training in Tallahassee. Five youth have been selected from around the state to attend this training that will be conducted by Volunteer Florida in partnership with The Able Trust and AmeriCorps St. Johns Reads. AmeriCorps programs interested in hosting a Project Impact AmeriCorps Intern should contact Paul Martell at [paul@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:paul@volunteerflorida.org) or 850-414-0093 to discuss the Project Impact Experience Internship.

**August 16 - 18, 2010** - Registration is now open for the 2010 Florida Conference on Aging ~Better Together: Life after 55~, to be held at the Caribe Royale Hotel in Orlando. Register at <https://fcoa.wufoo.com/forms/2010-florida-conference-on-aging-registration/>, or call 850-222-8877 for questions about the Florida Conference on Aging.

**September 10, 2010** – Deadline to apply for 2010 Disability Mentoring Day Partnership Grants. Volunteer Florida will be offering \$500 mini-grants for AmeriCorps members and disability organizations that want to partner for Disability Mentoring Day on October 20, 2010. Interested AmeriCorps programs and disability partners who would like to apply should contact Paul Martell at 850-414-0093 or [paul@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:paul@volunteerflorida.org) no later than September 10.

**September 22 – 24, 2010** – Save the Date (tentative) for the New AmeriCorps Program Directors Orientation in Tallahassee sponsored by Volunteer Florida. Watch the Volunteer Florida website, [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org), for details and registration information.

**October 27- 30, 2010** – Save the Date (tentative) - Joint AmeriCorps Program Directors and Disability Organizations Partnerships meeting in Orlando. Watch the Volunteer Florida website, [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org), for details and registration information.

**Florida Volunteer Center trainings and 2010 Volunteer Management Training Series (VMTS):**

If you manage volunteers for your nonprofit agency or if you are a program director for an AmeriCorps program, you may want to obtain a Volunteer Management Certificate by participating in the Volunteer Management Training Series in 2010 offered by Florida's Volunteer Centers. Interested AmeriCorps Program Directors are encouraged to participate in the VMTS trainings and other trainings listed below to build essential skills and knowledge for operating an effective volunteer program. Contact Dee Wilder at 850-410-3452 if you need information and/or assistance with registration fees.

**August 3, 2010 – 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon** - United Way Indian River County and the Indian River VOAD are sponsoring VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTER training at United Way Center, 1836 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vero Beach, FL. There is no registration fee and interested persons are asked to register as soon as possible by contacting Eve Balance at United Way at 772-567-8900, ext. 20, or [eve.ballance@unitedwayirc.org](mailto:eve.ballance@unitedwayirc.org). You may also contact Paul Seldes, NTB Director of Operations, at 772-538-2154 or [pseldes@ntb-group.com](mailto:pseldes@ntb-group.com).

**August 19 – September 23, 2010** on consecutive Thursdays - Martin Volunteers is offering the Florida Volunteer Management Certificate program training at Barry University, Port St. Lucie, Florida. This training will also be offered consecutive Tuesdays from August 17 – September 21, 2010, at the United Way in Stuart, Florida. Registration is online at [www.martinvolunteers.org](http://www.martinvolunteers.org) or call 772-220-4472, x228. For questions contact Dianne Young, Associate Director, at [dyoung@martinvolunteers.org](mailto:dyoung@martinvolunteers.org).

**August 26, September 2 and September 9, 2010** Hands On Jacksonville will offer the Volunteer Management Training Series that is designed to help both veteran and new volunteer directors organize, implement, and evaluate their volunteer programs. Three comprehensive training programs will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the volunteer center office located at 6817 Southpoint Parkway, Suite 1902, Jacksonville. Cost is \$150.00 for Volunteer Jacksonville members and \$240.00 for non-members. Register at [www.handsonjacksonville.org](http://www.handsonjacksonville.org), or call 904-332-6767.

**August 25 – September 29, 2010** on consecutive Wednesday mornings – United Way Tampa Bay and the Nonprofit Leadership Center of Tampa Bay, Inc., are offering six courses for the Volunteer Management Certificate Program that are designed to meet the needs of the next generation of volunteer leaders. Classes are held at Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council; 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 100, in Pinellas Park, FL. The cost is \$300, and a limited number of partial scholarships are available. Scholarship and registration information is available by calling the Nonprofit Leadership Center of Tampa Bay at (813) 287-8779 or see the website at [www.nlctb.org](http://www.nlctb.org).

**Disaster Training News! COOP (Continuity of Operations) Tip #21 – GET READY!**

The 2010 Hurricane Season is here! AmeriCorps Program Directors should make sure their AmeriCorps members have received the required disaster trainings for responding to disasters. You are encouraged to contact your local chapter of the American Red Cross or local emergency management office to make sure they are aware of your program. To find a complete listing of the ARC chapters in Florida, go to the Volunteer Florida website, [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org), and review how to prepare for disasters or see the American Red Cross website at [www.americanredcross.org](http://www.americanredcross.org).

**Training Vouchers available for CPR/First Aid Trainings through October 31, 2010.** Volunteer Florida will continue to provide AmeriCorps programs with CPR/First Aid Training Vouchers to help with the cost of American Red Cross required trainings for AmeriCorps members through October of this year. To request training vouchers (a \$25 credit toward the training fee), AmeriCorps program directors should schedule a member training with the nearby Red Cross Chapter and complete a Voucher

Request Form available from Erin Lewis at Volunteer Florida at [erin@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:erin@volunteerflorida.org), or see the Volunteer Florida website at [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org).

### **Other Seasons of Service and Upcoming Training Events:**

**September is Hunger Action Month** - One in 8 Americans struggles with hunger - but equally striking is that three meals can be provided for every dollar donated. Throughout Hunger Action Month, *Feeding America's* nationwide network of 205 food banks are calling upon communities to take action by giving up something small through the "Give A Little, Feed a Lot" campaign. By identifying small things in life, persons can see the value of items if translated into meals and can then donate that value to their local food bank. Americans are encouraged to participate in September by attending local food bank events, donating time or participating in corporate promotions while getting children involved as "Hunger Helpers." For more information see <http://hungeractionmonth.org>

**September 11, 2010** – National Day of Service & Remembrance. Register your Good Deed at <http://www.911dayofservice.org>.

**LET'S READ. LET'S MOVE.** Summer Service Initiative -- First Lady Michelle Obama and four Cabinet Secretaries joined Patrick Corvington, new CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, to launch United We Serve: Let's Read. Let's Move. The new initiative, outline at the National Conference on Volunteering and Service in New York City, will get more Americans volunteering to combat childhood obesity and summer learning loss among youth. "The United We Serve Summer Service initiative is a nationwide effort calling on all Americans to make service a part of their daily lives," said Mrs. Obama. Let's Read. Let's Move. is an effort led by the Corporation to expand opportunities to engage young people in summer reading and physical activities as well as provide access to healthy, affordable food. To learn more about Let's Read. Let's Move., visit [www.Serve.gov](http://www.Serve.gov).

### **Grant Opportunities, Contests and Announcements:**

**July 15, 2010** – Deadline for applications for Volunteer Florida Disaster Relief Social Services Block Grant funding for community and faith-based organizations, counties and local governments that provided social services following presidentially-declared disasters in 2008. Eligible reimbursements include costs for case management services, housing assistance and congregate meals. See [volunteerflorida.org](http://volunteerflorida.org) for the Notice of Funding Availability.

**September 10, 2010** - Deadline for applications for Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy 2011 National Grant Program. This annual national grant competition is designed to help develop or expand projects that support the development of literacy skills for adult primary caregivers and their children. Applicant organizations must have nonprofit or public status and must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for two or more years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults, parent education, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-K to grade three, and/or intergenerational literacy activities (parent and child together time). Approximately \$650,000 in grants will be awarded in 2011, and grant requests should not exceed \$65,000. See the website, [Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy](http://Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy), for complete information.

**Ongoing** - Funds for Community Projects in Florida - The Progress Energy Corporate Grant Program supports nonprofit organizations that benefit company communities in Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina where Progress Energy employees and customers live and work. Most corporate grants focus on education, economic development, and the environment, although requests for other important community issues are considered. Grants, which range from \$200 to \$10,000, support programs that are relatively small in scope and serve a single community or a few counties. Requests for corporate grants may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the company's website, [www.progressenergy.org](http://www.progressenergy.org) for online application information.

**Ongoing** - Volunteer Florida can help national service programs who need funding for AmeriCorps members with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to successfully complete terms of service. Contact Paul Martell at 850-414-0093 or [paul@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:paul@volunteerflorida.org).

## **RESOURCES:**

**Mentor's SafetyNET now available for mentoring programs:** In partnership with the FBI, MENTOR is making nationwide FBI fingerprint-based background checks available to any mentoring program in the country. Through SafetyNET each FBI background check costs only \$18, with a turnaround time of approximately 5 business days from the time the background check materials are received until the fitness determinations are emailed from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Created by Congress, the SafetyNET pilot is part of an effort to create a permanent workable system for obtaining criminal background checks on volunteers who work with children. Detailed information is provided in the SafetyNET manual at [www.mentoring.org/safetynet/](http://www.mentoring.org/safetynet/).

**VISTA: Social Media Mondays** -- VISTA is hosting a series of web-based workshops on the last Monday of each month to help expand the use of social media resources to address poverty and social justice issues. VISTA's *Social Media Monday* webshops provide you with hands-on access to social media applications such as Twitter, Facebook, and Flickr and an opportunity to learn how to use these tools to create social change. Visit the website: [VISTA Campus "Social Media Mondays"](http://www.vista.org/social-media-mondays) for the schedule, an archive of previous webshops, and lots of valuable resources. You may use the "Enter Campus as guest" option to register.

**EnCorps** is a set of online resources for AmeriCorps and VISTA program staff targeting member recruitment, placement, orientation, ongoing training, and transitioning beyond their year of service. Additionally, the National Service Resource Center is home to many resources related to seniors in service, including [senior services](#), [intergenerational service](#), [baby boomer volunteers](#), and [Senior Corps programs](#). Even more resources from the lending library and Effective Practices Collection support the experience of civically engaged seniors, wellness, security, and lifelong learning among older persons in America. To view this collection, see [www.nationalservice.gov/resources](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources), or contact EnCorps at [encorps@nwrel.org](mailto:encorps@nwrel.org) or 1-877-250-1615. To help you understand the potential of using the Resource Center, see their packet at <http://nationalserviceresources.org/packet>.

Volunteer Florida wants your help identifying **Best Practices** in national service programs that can be shared to help other programs learn from your experiences. Please submit best practices along with articles, web sites, or innovative resources to Dee Wilder at 850-410-3452 or [dee@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:dee@volunteerflorida.org).

This training newsletter is available in alternative formats (Braille, audio formats, large print and computerized). Contact Paul Martell at 850-414-0093 or [paul@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:paul@volunteerflorida.org) with your request.