

## WHAT IS AMERICORPS? MEMBER INSTRUCTIONS

- ∞ Take 3 minutes to read the instructions silently.
- ∞ Divide into 2 learning groups.
- ∞ Each group will be assigned one of the following topics:
  - The AmeriCorps mission and main objectives.
  - The history of national service, the information on the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), and the programs administered by CNCS including AmeriCorps
- ∞ Assign a time keeper to keep track of review, discussion, and presentation times.
- ∞ Take 10 minutes to review the assigned materials silently and jot down your ideas.
- ∞ You have 25 minutes to discuss the materials and prepare a presentation to teach the assigned material. You may choose any method or presentation (a short skit, song, or traditional style presentation). Remember, involve the entire group in the presentation.
- ∞ Use newsprint or prepare drawings to illustrate your points. (You can be creative.)
- ∞ Take 15 minutes to practice your presentation within your group.
- ∞ Take no more than 10 minutes for the presentation.
- ∞ The entire group will come together and teach their assigned topics.

## WHAT IS AMERICORPS? TRAINER INSTRUCTIONS

### Learning Objectives:

- ∞ To explain the AmeriCorps mission and the four components of the AmeriCorps ethic
- ∞ To describe the history of national service
- ∞ To list the CNCS programs, including AmeriCorps\*State, National, and Tribes & Territories, AmeriCorps\*VISTA, AmeriCorps\*National Civilian Community Corps, Learn & Serve America programs including K-12 and Higher Education, and the National Senior Service Corps programs including Foster Grandparents, Senior Companion, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
- ∞ To explain their rights and responsibilities as members
- ∞ To describe their educational award
- ∞ To understand any materials you have included about your own program

**PROCESS:** Was it easy to agree on how to present the information? How did you come to agreement on which method of presentation to use?

**GENERALIZE:** Are there any more questions about the materials presented? What did you learn from the presentations, including both content and methods of presentation? Point out the diversity in presentations styles and stress that no one method is right.

**APPLY:** Ask members to discuss the importance of this information to them as AmeriCorps members