



## HOW WILL YOU GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

### BECOME A MEMBER

Dedicate a full year of your life or even just a summer to serving the community.

### DONATE MONEY OR SUPPLIES

Your donations help support our members and their service in the community.

### VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Volunteering with KEYS ranges from one-time service projects to ongoing tutoring and mentoring.

### LEARN MORE AND APPLY TO BECOME A MEMBER

Visit [www.keysservicecorps.org](http://www.keysservicecorps.org) or email [Aaron.Gray@allegheycounty.us](mailto:Aaron.Gray@allegheycounty.us)

### FACEBOOK

[www.facebook.com/KEYSServiceCorps](http://www.facebook.com/KEYSServiceCorps)



## DHS IS

responsible for providing and administering publicly funded human services to Allegheny County residents.

## DHS PRINCIPLES

All services will be: **High Quality** – reflecting best practices in case management, counseling, and treatment. **Readily Accessible** – in natural, least-restrictive settings, often community-based. **Strength-Based** – focusing on the capabilities of individuals and families, not their deficits. **Culturally Competent** – demonstrating respect for individuals, their goals, and preferences. **Individually Tailored and Empowering** – by building confidence and shared decision-making as routes to independence rather than dependency. **Holistic** – serving the comprehensive needs of families as well as individuals through tangible aid and a full continuum of services – Information Exchange; prevention; early intervention; case management & crisis intervention; after care.

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EVERYBODY  
CAN BE  
GREAT,  
BECAUSE ANYONE  
CAN SERVE.



KEYS Service Corps - AmeriCorps®

## GETTING THINGS DONE

Since 1996, KEYS Service Corps AmeriCorps members have been serving Allegheny County youth in local schools, after-school programs, and community-based and faith-based organizations.



The primary activities for our members are tutoring, mentoring, and engaging youth in community service and service-learning projects year-round.

In exchange for their

service, AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance and may be eligible for forbearance on qualified student loans, child care, health insurance, and, upon successful completion, money for their education.

## THE KNOWLEDGE TO EMPOWER YOUTH TO SUCCESS BY...

- » Improving school performance of youth in Allegheny County
- » Providing safe places with structured activities and mentoring
- » Providing positive links among youth and their communities through service

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When I see how much I have helped make a difference in so many lives in such a short span of time, I can honestly say this has been the hardest and most rewarding year of my life.”

- KEYS AmeriCorps member



## MEMBER IMPACT

Over a thousand members, trained in professional development and civic engagement, have proven their talents and polished their resumes.

In addition, KEYS AmeriCorps members have earned, in all, more than \$1.5 million to pay for their education.

After completing their terms of service, our members continue to be active citizens in their communities - many going on to be hired at their host sites.

## YOUTH IMPACT

Most KEYS AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor about 20 youth each. Every year, KEYS AmeriCorps members mentor and tutor several hundred youth across Allegheny County.

KEYS AmeriCorps members ...

- » Assist teachers and after-school personnel
- » Provide homework/classroom assistance
- » Lead learning activities and discussions
- » Design and guide arts projects
- » Play sports and games
- » Engage the youth
- » Have fun

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

KEYS AmeriCorps members have inspired thousands of youth and adults to volunteer and, together with the youth at their host sites, have designed and implemented hundreds of community service projects.

Some of these projects are:

- » Restoring buildings
- » Creating urban gardens
- » Community arts projects
- » Recycling initiatives
- » Oral history projects
- » Community center creation
- » Food drives
- » Blanket drives
- » Clothing drives

MENTORING » TUTORING » COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

