



AmeriCorps

One World Link Georgia Serves AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps Initiative Goals

The overall goal of the One World Link (OWL) Georgia Serves AmeriCorps Program is to promote equitable development in rural counties. **We will do this by addressing the social, structural and systemic impediments to development, through both preventative and prescriptive interventions.** This AmeriCorps program will serve as a rural intermediary for United Ways in rural counties.

OWL has directed AmeriCorps programs in central Georgia the past several years. Members are in service for approximately 10.5 months and serve 40 hours a week. Examples of what AmeriCorps members have done are below:

In Partnership with Mercer University- members engage youth and young adults in making positive workforce choices by:

- ▶ **Facilitating college and career readiness classes** in three area high schools (Central High School, Northeast High School and Southwest High School) and one Middle School Ballard-Hudson). The AmeriCorps members will **triple the capacity of college and career readiness workshops** that Mercer completed last year
- ▶ **Provide mentoring and career readiness planning for “opportunity youth”** in the juvenile probation system. This is a new initiative that AmeriCorps members will play a critical role in facilitating.

In Partnership with NewTown Macon- members assist in providing hard skill classes for budding entrepreneurs and completing an asset map by:

- ▶ Helping to implement by **co-facilitating NewTown Macon’s Entrepreneur’s, What’s Now Marketing Series and Real Estate Developer’s Academy’s**
- ▶ Help **launch an online search tool of available storefronts and professional spaces** in downtown Macon

In Partnership with United Way of Central Georgia- members facilitate workshops that promote economic self-sufficiency by:

- ▶ **Coordinate the corporate volunteer program** by creating service opportunities and matching employees from corporations that are interested in serving.
- ▶ **Complete an asset map** of the food ecosystem to address food insecurity in Macon

In Partnership with the Urban CEO- members address residents who are historically underrepresented as entrepreneurs by:

- ▶ **Co-designing, organizing and facilitating an economic summit** that deals with racial and economic equity
- ▶ **Organizing and facilitating quarterly economic development work sessions** and a **financial literacy course**
- ▶ Assisting with the **implementation of the Urban Leadership Academy courses**
- ▶ Helping to **complete a feasibility study of the viability of a food-co-op** to address food insecurity while promoting entrepreneurship

In Partnership with Motivating Youth Foundation- members support the workforce readiness programming that primarily impact young adults

- ▶ Provide **case management assistance** to the graduates of their existing workforce readiness program
- ▶ Assist with the **recruitment and outreach** for the workforce readiness program

The AmeriCorps members receive the following:

- training and continuous member development
- \$18,000 living stipend over 10 months
- Health Insurance
- Child Care subsidy (if eligible)
- Loan forbearance
- \$6,495 educational award after successful completion of programs
- relevant certifications

OWL will provide the following:

- member recruitment (with the assistance of United Way)
- member retention
- management of all paperwork
- program administration (paying member stipends, signing them up for health insurance...)
- managing all federal grant requirements

What we are asking for from United Way sites that want members:

- \$15,000 matching fund per member
- assistance in identifying potential members
- identification of site (if they will not be at United Way) that assures members have 40 hours of service weekly