

eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca



AmeriCorps Positions at YWCA Columbus

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state and national service programs that connects more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health and the environment. Members serve with more than 3,000 organizations across the country.

AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, an independent federal agency created to connect Americans with opportunities to give back to their communities and nation.

The YWCA Columbus seeks qualified candidates to fill 24 AmeriCorps member positions. Members are required to serve 1700 hours full time or 900 hours part time within a 12-month period that begins September 1, 2010 and concludes on August 31, 2011. AmeriCorps members will qualify for an education award of \$5,350 FT/\$2,675 PT upon completion of service, a living allowance of up to \$11,800 FT/\$6,225 PT and health coverage. Qualified student loans can be deferred throughout the period of service, and members may qualify for child care assistance.

Teen Center (2FT/1PT)

AmeriCorps members serving in the YWCA Family Center's teen program have served nearly 350 teenagers experiencing homelessness since we opened our doors in October 2005. Members provide a safe, fun, and age appropriate after school program and summer camp for the teens staying in the center. The curriculum emphasizes increasing life skills such as cooking, budgeting, career exploration, and conflict management. Members have stressed the importance of giving back to the community and have planned many service activities with the teens such as serving snack to the families, neighborhood trash pick ups, and visiting the elderly at a local nursing home.

Kids Club (3FT, 3PT)

AmeriCorps members implement a high quality licensed after school program and summer camp for the youth at the YWCA Family Center aged 5-12. Members are responsible for developing a fun and educational curriculum with activities that meet the Ohio Academic Content Standards. Programming focuses on art, math, science, literacy, and cultural diversity. Special events include guest speakers such as ProMusica, Music Loves Ohio, the Columbus Zoo, the Franklin County fire department and police, and the American Red Cross. Additionally, members take the kids on field trips to COSI, the Ohio Museum of Art, Franklin Park Conservatory, The Ohio Indian Caverns, and many more!

After Care (2FT)

Starting in 2009, our AmeriCorps team has expanded to include after care for the families who have been moved into permanent housing from the YWCA Family Center. The After Care team contacts families after they move out of the center to insure that all adults and children's basic needs are met. Members will give resources and referrals, make contact with the schools, and educate families about local agencies that can help them remain stable in their new housing.

Volunteer and Donations (3FT)

The YWCA Family Center has an incredible amount of community support and involvement in the form of committed volunteers and donors. Volunteers donate their time doing a variety of activities including serving lunch and dinner, organizing craft activities with the youth, planting flowers in the garden, or even putting on a magic show! Our AmeriCorps Volunteer and Donations team works directly with volunteers and coordinate their efforts to make sure that volunteers have a great experience at the YWCA Family Center.

Racial Justice (8PT)

AmeriCorps members will be specially trained by our Racial Justice team to teach the YWCA's nationally recognized Race Against Racism curriculum in the 20 School Aged Child Care program sites in Westerville, New Albany, and Gahana. Race Against Racism is an anti-bias curriculum that encourages elementary school children to explore and understand real and often complex issues related to racism, diversity, bullying and inclusion. Members are assigned 5 sites to implement the curriculum weekly.

To Apply

To complete an application, individuals will need to create an account on MyAmeriCorps: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do> and follow the directions below.

1. Use the link above to create a My AmeriCorps account.
2. Once you receive your account information via email, login to the My AmeriCorps portal
3. Use the navigation panel on the left to complete your application & reference information.
4. When your application is completely finished, login to your account and click "Search Listings" on the left panel.
5. Type "YWCA Family Center" into the Program Name field and click "Search."
6. Click the listing to read program information. Then click "Apply Now" at the bottom of the page.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Verhoff, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator verhoff@ywcacolumbus.org.