



## Bring More Resources to Your School Community

Colorado Youth for a Change (CYC) is harnessing the power of AmeriCorps members to help students engage and succeed in school. Following a year in which students, families, educators, and schools faced unprecedented challenges, additional support to reengage students and accelerate learning in essential academic skills is a leading concern for schools and districts. One research-based approach to addressing this challenge is high-quality tutoring.

We believe our AmeriCorps programs are poised to help now more than ever!

### **Colorado Reading Corps**      *Supporting PreK through third grade students*

- PreK: Increases Kindergarten readiness through individual, small group, and full classroom numeracy and literacy support
- K-3: Increases reading proficiency through daily one-on-one sessions (20 minutes per day)
- All interventions are evidence-based, delivered by a trained tutor, and monitored by a CYC Reading Coach

### **Math Corps**      *Supporting Middle School students*

- Builds Math skills and increases Algebra readiness through small group interventions (90 minutes per week per student)
- Interventions are evidence-based and align with state testing requirements

### **Corps for a Change**      *Supporting High School students*

- Increases school engagement
- Provides flexible support to students and families to reduce academic and non-academic barriers

Together, these three programs address student needs at the most critical junctures in their academic and social emotional development. They also provide a teacher and nonprofit career pipeline, training hundreds of people each year and providing valuable, on-the-ground experience in diverse Colorado communities.

### **Why AmeriCorps?**

AmeriCorps is the federal agency connecting individuals and organizations through service and volunteering to tackle the nation's most pressing challenges. CYC's partnership with AmeriCorps not only expands schools' capacity but provides the intensive supports required in effective educational intervention frameworks such as Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. AmeriCorps members produce significant contributions to schools with the people-power to implement effective academic and social

emotional interventions that make a transformative difference in the lives of students. ***Members serve fulltime at their school site from the end of August through the end May.***

**Your Commitment Includes:**

- Providing on-site support and oversight to the AmeriCorps member through a Site Supervisor. The Site Supervisor will provide support and guidance to the member within the school, provide access to relevant school data, and will also be responsible for approving the member's weekly timesheet.
- Including the AmeriCorps member in relevant school meetings and welcoming the member into the school's culture and community.
- Working with CYC Program Staff to assist in determining which students are eligible services.
- Providing access to students during the day, which may involve pulling students from classes (given appropriate teacher communication and adherence to school policies and procedures).
- Providing an appropriate space for the member to serve and access to internet.
- Adhering to CYC's trainings, meetings and supervision schedule.

**CYC's Commitment Includes:**

- Coordinating member recruitment efforts and having the primary responsibility in interviewing, selecting, and placing members.
- Conducting a three-part federally mandated background check (FBI, statewide repository, and sex offender registry checks).
- Training the members on our intervention models.
- Track and monitor each member's progress in completing the program and meeting the needs of the site and its students.
- Administering and overseeing the member benefits (as applicable), including: living allowance, education award, and federal student loan forbearance
- Working together with the Site Supervisor and member to resolve issues, as warranted.

**Cost of the Program:**

We have the opportunity and funding to grow the program quickly and at a reduced cost to our partner school sites. We are currently asking for \$3,000 per member. We do not want cost to be a barrier to providing services to any students so welcome further conversations about funding.

Please submit an [interest form](#), and someone will contact you. For other questions or more information, please contact Mary Zanotti @maryz@youthforachange.org. Thanks!