National Service in the US
History

U.S. militia, 1600’s – 1900’s

CCC Camps - 1933

Great Depression – 1920’s-30’s

GI Bill - 1944

History of National Service
History

1961 – JFK est. Peace Corps
History

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) – 1960’s

Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) - 1964

Youth Conservation Corps – 1970’s

History of National Service
History and Legislation

- **1970:** VISTA merges with PC and Sr. Corps
- **1990:** Pres. Bush signs the National Community Service Act of 1990 (Learn and Serve)
- **1993:** Pres. Clinton signs National Community Service Trust Act (AmeriCorps and Corporation for National and Community Service)
History and Legislation

• **1994**: 1st AmeriCorps – 20,000 people serving 1,000 communities

• **1999**: AmeriCorps has 150,000 members

• **2000**: Pres. Bush creates USA Freedom Corps, proposes 50% expansion of AmeriCorps
History and Legislation

• 2009: Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act
  – Creates new service Corps
  – Increases AmeriCorps Positions from 88,000 today to 250,000 in 2017
  – Increases Education Award (starting FY 2010-2011)
Change over time?

- Military → Civilian
- Pre-service aid → Post-service Aid
- Service to country → Personal Growth
Streams of Service

- **AmeriCorps**
  - National Direct
    - Receive funding directly from CNCS
    - Programs in 2 or more states
  - VISTA
    - Serve to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, & increase housing opportunities
- **NCCC**
  - Full time residential program