

Massachusetts Service Alliance

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State Budget Update

Governor Patrick released his FY11 Budget proposal on January 27th. While it included support for service and volunteerism, via the State Service Corps, Mentoring and Commonwealth Corps line items, MSA will

National Service Budget Update



On February 1, 2010, President Barack Obama released his Fiscal Year 2011 budget request, including proposed funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service and its programs. The Corporation's FY 2011 budget request of \$1.416 billion will strengthen our nation's volunteer sector, foster innovation and civic engagement, and mobilize more than six million Americans to solve critical problems through national service.

The President's budget request - the largest in the agency's history - will expand the number of national service positions, invest in innovative nonprofits, and strengthen the management capacity of the Corporation.

Highlights of the President's FY 2011 budget include the following:

AmeriCorps: The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act set AmeriCorps on a growth path to 250,000 by 2017. The FY11 request would keep the program on that trajectory by funding over 105,000 members in 2011, an increase of 20,000 from 2010.

- \$488 million for AmeriCorps State and National (\$115 million above FY10)
- \$98 million for AmeriCorps VISTA (\$1.1 million below FY10)

Social Innovation Fund: \$60 million (\$10 million above

be working closely with the House and Senate to increase these levels of funding. Please stay tuned for further updates and calls to action!

University of Phoenix Volunteer Leader Award

Do you know someone who is demonstrating commitment and extraordinary leadership in volunteer service? In celebration of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, the University of Phoenix and Points of Light Institute will recognize 10 outstanding volunteer leaders who motivate others and are a true catalyst for change in their communities.

These volunteer leaders will be

FY10)

Volunteer Generation Fund: \$10 million (\$6 million above FY10)

Learn and Serve America: \$40.2 million (\$698,000 above FY10)

Senior Corps: \$221 million for the three Senior Corps programs

- \$63 million for RSVP (no change from FY10)
- \$111 million for the Foster Grandparent Program (\$104,000 above FY10)
- \$47 million for the Senior Companion Program (\$96,000 above FY10)

For more information about the FY 2011 budget, [click here](#).

AmeriCorps 101 Information Sessions

With the passage of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, there is enormous potential growth for AmeriCorps across the country and in Massachusetts. In response to this increased focus on National Service, MSA has presented AmeriCorps 101 sessions in different areas of the state including Boston, Lawrence, Stoughton, Springfield and Worcester. MSA will also be hosting a session on the North Shore in Danvers in conjunction with Congressman John Tierney.



Over 100 agencies are participating to brainstorm the applicability of AmeriCorps for their organization. The sessions include training on the history of National Service and the three types of AmeriCorps Service - NCCC, State/National and VISTA. As the state commission on service and volunteerism, MSA administers the AmeriCorps State program in Massachusetts; therefore, the training specifically addresses the essential components for developing an AmeriCorps State program. MSA Program Officers discuss the individual sections of its AmeriCorps Request for Proposals and review the requirements to share best practices of program design such as recruitment, supervision, training, and volunteer generation.

[Click here](#) for more information about AmeriCorps. For a copy of the AmeriCorps 101 presentation, visit our website at

nominated by the public and finalists will be selected by a diverse panel of judges and honored during National Volunteer Week. Nine of the 10 finalists will be awarded \$10,000 to donate to the nonprofit organizations of their choice.

The top honoree will receive \$15,000 to donate and will be recognized at the first ever L.E.A.D. Summit presented by University of Phoenix and Points of Light Institute in Washington D.C. on April 20, 2010.

For further information about nominating a volunteer, [click here](#).

Youth Mentoring Day 2010

Mentoring

www.mass-service.org.

If you are interested in attending the session in Danvers, contact Kristen Nelson at knelson@mass-service.org.

Commonwealth Corps Celebrates MLK Day in Worcester

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Commonwealth Corps Martin Luther King, Jr. Day service project. You were part of the nearly 70 people, including Governor Deval Patrick, that chose to volunteer at Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, making a difference in the lives of families who are homeless or transitioning out of homelessness.

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During the morning of service, together with youth volunteers from three of Worcester's high schools, volunteers:

- Prepared 5,000 postcards for CMHA's annual walk for homelessness.
- Sorted through approx. 18 large bags of linens and donations of clothes and shoes.
- Painted murals on the walls of a children's recreational room and for the shelter lobby.
- Painted a computer room that serves over 40 adults searching for jobs and housing and over 50 children who use it for homework help.
- Unloaded a truck of furniture that will assist 4 families.
- Sorted warehouse household items including blankets, sheets, toiletries and other misc items that will reach 30 families.



Matters!

Youth Mentoring Day 2010, held on Jan. 21, at the State House in Boston, brought together 200 people, including state legislators, mentoring program staff, mentors and mentees from across Massachusetts to raise awareness for youth mentoring.

Mentoring programs from across the state met with over 40 state legislators to make their voices heard in support of mentoring in Massachusetts.

With Gov. Patrick's recommended FY 2011 budget recently released - and the mentoring line item included in it at \$100,000 - Youth Mentoring Day truly sent a powerful message about the need for



*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is:
What are you doing for others?"*

--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NEW! Spring 2010 Training Calendar

Developing Youth- and Family-Friendly Service Day Projects

Boston, MA

When: Friday, March 12, 2010
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Trainers: Kelly Clark, City Impact Program Manager and Ashley Boyd, AmeriCorps*VISTA Leader/Special Service Events Coordinator, Boston Cares

Professionalizing Volunteer Roles for Leadership Development

Boston, MA

When: Wednesday, April 7, 2010
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Trainers: Denise Riebman, Assistant Dean of Career Services, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

BE SAFE: A Holistic Approach to Prevention Services for Youth

Waltham, MA

When: Wednesday, April 28, 2010
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Trainers: Andi Genser, BE SAFE Manager, Christine Roque, BE SAFE Massachusetts Promise Fellow; Kori Redepenning, Director, Massachusetts Promise Fellowship; Elizabeth Cohen, BE SAFE Partner Liaison / Manager of Professional Training & Youth Education, Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts

quality mentoring programs in Massachusetts.

Check out some of the [great photos](#) from YMD 2010!

For more highlights of the day, [click here](#).

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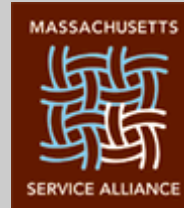
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[Click here](#) for more information including workshop descriptions, locations and registration information. To register, [click here](#).

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