



Dear Potential Partners in Rural Alaska,

RurAL CAP is soliciting your participation in our Resilient Alaska Youth AmeriCorps Program. Like you, we want to ensure that all Alaskan kids have the opportunity to lead healthy and productive lives. To that end, we have leveraged federal and state grant funds to support rural AmeriCorps programs since 1994. Consistently, we have worked with local tribal and city governments as well as schools and nonprofits to recruit, train, and engage community members who want to catalyze youth success in rural Alaska. **In our current program, we will place 20 AmeriCorps Members around Alaska to serve directly with 10-18 year old youth primarily in afterschool, in-school, weekend, and school break settings.** RurAL CAP also strongly believes in the power of healthy eating, active learning, exercise, and the outdoors to support adolescent development.

The AmeriCorps Member, who is a locally recruited “staff” member supervised by your organization, will be trained in-person on the philosophy of Positive Youth Development, as well as the Project Venture model (an indigenized version of experiential education). There may also be an opportunity for one of your organization’s staff members to be invited to training, to receive more information about the program as well as develop their skills working with young people. *When the AmeriCorps Member returns to your community, they will be responsible for hosting regular positive youth engagement sessions.*

At RurAL CAP, we continuously work to improve our social service offerings, and the AmeriCorps program is no different. Through solicitation of staff, partner, and evaluator feedback, in this upcoming year we will:

- Offer returning AmeriCorps Members a pay increase, as well as additional responsibility
- Support outdoor education through training of AmeriCorps Members, staff support on trips, procurement of outdoor gear (tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, watercraft), and supporting food purchase for outings
- Offer in-person training to organizations hosting AmeriCorps Members
- Provide revenue for AmeriCorps Members to purchase supplies for youth groups
- Test additional reporting and tracking mechanisms to streamline reporting
- Work to develop continuous and long lasting partnerships with individual communities to have uninterrupted AmeriCorps funded youth engagement

We are hoping that your organization will co-invest with us in the supporting of youth in your community.

AmeriCorps placements are offered at no cost to eligible partner organizations. Instead, we are looking for a partner that can help mentor the AmeriCorps member, support them in their youth activities, and provide access to a consistent, safe meeting space for youth. The ideal partner organization will also have a close working relationships with their local school, so that the AmeriCorps member can develop relationships with youth and host both in-school and out-of-school events.

How to Apply:

More information and Member and Partner Organization applications can be found at www.rayprogram.com. **Both Member and Partner Organization applications are due by June 15th for priority consideration, for member placements starting August 16th, 2021.** AmeriCorps members are recruited locally by Partner Organizations like yours. **If interested, please post the enclosed Member Recruitment Posters in your community to begin identifying local candidates,** and ensure both a Member and Partner organization application is submitted by the specified date. Please contact Maddy Stokes with any questions at americorps@ruralcap.org or 907-865-7358.

We believe that through partnership, together we can offer additional support to youth in your community and strive to build healthy, resilient leaders of tomorrow. Join us in this upcoming year.

Sincerely,

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AmeriCorps

DATE: March 23, 2021

Dear Community Leader:

The Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP) is pleased to announce the opening of 20, 11 - month AmeriCorps Member positions in rural Alaska, beginning service in August, 2021.

RESILIENT ALASKA YOUTH AMERICORPS PROGRAM

20 positions available

AmeriCorps Members engage youth ages 10-18 in positive, skill-building activities that promote wellness and strengthen culture through in-class and outside of class instruction over the course of 11 - month service terms.

Youth Benefits Include:

Cultural Connection - Enhanced Programming - Substance Mis-Use Prevention - Positive Youth Development

This resource is available at no cost to eligible partner organizations

AmeriCorps Program Information:

AmeriCorps is a federal community service program which engages more than 80,000 Americans each year in service to their nation and community at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and other community and faith-based groups across the country. AmeriCorps members respond to local needs and make a difference by improving lives and local conditions through hands-on service and capacity-building activities. *The AmeriCorps program brings benefits to the community and to the AmeriCorps member by providing training, a **monthly living allowance of \$1,650** and an **Education Award of \$6,345** upon successful completion of the service term.* RurAL CAP and their supporting partners have been providing opportunities for rural communities through AmeriCorps programs for 25 years.

The Resilient Alaskan Youth AmeriCorps program aims to address high rates of youth substance abuse and suicide in rural Alaska through positive youth development and experiential learning, using Project Venture as the primary intervention. Project Venture is an evidence-based model recognized by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices which uses outdoor activities and American Indian traditional values to help youth develop positive self-concepts, effective social skills, a community service ethic, resiliency, and increased decision-making and problem-solving skills. ***Comprised of classroom-based problem solving activities, adventure-based experiential learning, service learning, and culturally based leadership, Project Venture actively engages youth in developing life skills while reinforcing traditional Native values such as family, service learning, and appreciation for the natural world.***

Resilient Alaska Youth AmeriCorps Members are recruited locally from their communities by a partner organization such as a tribal or city council, local school, community school, local health clinic, or regional or other local entity. Successful applicants are supervised by a locally-identified Site Supervisor and work closely with community residents. This resource is available through grants from AmeriCorps, Community Services Block Grant and the State of Alaska, Tobacco Prevention and Control and Office of Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention. With this support, **AmeriCorps placements are offered at no cost to your organization.**

AmeriCorps Partner Organization – How to Apply:

1. **Recruit AmeriCorps Member Candidates – Use the enclosed posters to recruit AmeriCorps applicants in your community.** Communities must have at least one AmeriCorps applicant to be considered for selection– and are encouraged to have more than one applicant, if possible. Each candidate must complete a member application at www.rayprogram.com. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

2. **Complete Partner Organization Application –**

Partner Organizations agree to provide a local site supervisor, office space/computer/internet for the AmeriCorps member, and a space to hold youth activities. More detailed information and applications can be found at www.rayprogram.com

3. **Submit Partner Organization and AmeriCorps Member Applications by June 15**

Please submit the Partner Organization application and ensure at least one Member Application has been submitted from your community by June 15th. Feel free to turn in a partner application while recruiting members before the deadline, but both partner organization and member applications should returned by the specified date.

RurAL CAP aims to fill all positions with applications turned in on/before June 15th. Applications will be accepted June 15 to July 1 to fill any remaining positions, but there is no guarantee additional placements will be available.

4. **For more information and Partner Organization and Member Applications, visit www.rayprogram.com**

	RESILIENT ALASKA YOUTH
Priority Application Deadline	June 15, 2021
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Program Start Date	August 16, 2021
RurAL CAP Program Contact	Maddy Stokes AmeriCorps Program Coordinator 907-865-7358 americorps@ruralcap.org

The RurAL CAP AmeriCorps Program is grateful for the partnerships that make this opportunity possible - AmeriCorps, Serve Alaska, the State of Alaska, Departments of Commerce, Community and Economic Development and Health and Social Services (Tobacco Prevention and Control and Office of Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention).

Thank you for your interest in the Resilient Alaska Youth AmeriCorps program! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email RurAL CAP program contacts listed above. Together, we will work to empower Alaska’s youth!

Sincerely,

The RurAL CAP AmeriCorps Team

Need assistance applying due to a disability or limited English proficiency? Please contact us at comdevsupport@ruralcap.com or 1-800-478-7227 and ask for Community Development’s Accomodation Coordinator.



Rural CAP

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Mentor Youth in your Community!

Apply for the Resilient Alaska Youth
AmeriCorps Program

Applications Due June 15 for priority consideration
but accepted until positions are filled

POSITION

- Cultural Activities
- **Outdoor Recreation**
- Substance Use Prevention
- **Work w/ Teens 10-18**
- Must be 18 or above to apply

APPLY

www.rayprogram.com
or see your local
**school/tribal
government**

Questions?
Contact Maddy Stokes
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BENEFITS

- Community impact
- **Monthly Stipend**
- Health Insurance
- **Child Care** *must be income eligible
- **\$ for Education**



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