
Youth Service California

August Affiliate Update

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THE NATIONAL SCENE

President Signs Recission Bill - On July 27th, President Clinton signed into law a \$16.4 billion Rescission Package of spending cuts in education, training and national service. The Rescission Package reduces FY95 funding for the Corporation for National Service by \$105 million to \$470 million. In response to the reduction, CNS plans to decrease spending in all program areas. While specific cuts have not been announced, CNS estimates the number of AmeriCorps participants for 1995 will 26,000 — 7,000 less than the 33,000 previously anticipated, but 6,000 more than this year.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is currently authorized for \$700 million in funding for FY '96. However, federal funding for CNS faces a serious threat in the House of Representatives. The House VA/HUD Subcommittee has recommended the elimination of CNS by zeroing out all funding for FY '96. The House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service and Education has voted to reduce the National Senior Service Corps budget by \$21 million and AmeriCorps*VISTA budget by @21.4 million for FY '96. Both subcommittees' recommendations passed the House Appropriations Committee and the House. The Senate is expected to debate both appropriation bills in early September. The first two weeks in September will be critical for Fall 96 funds. We expect that President Clinton would veto any budget bill that would try to eliminate Corporation for National Service Funds (AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve), but you should know that the budgets to be hammered out this Fall are trying to do just that!

After the FY96 funds are decided it is on to the Reauthorization process! This is when Congress will decide whether to reauthorize the entire act for three more years. We expect most of this work will be done in the fall and winter months. We'll keep you posted.

Wofford New CEO of Corporation - Former Pennsylvania U.S. Senator Harris Wofford has been nominated by the President to serve as the next Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service in Washington D.C. Wofford helped to launch the Peace Corps in 1961 and established and led Governor Robert Casey's Office of Citizen Service, known as PennServe in 1987. Eli Segal, the current CEO will move to the Corporation's Board of Directors.

Chuck Supple, New Executive Director of Public Allies - Chuck Supple who formerly worked at UC Berkeley and was the Founding Director of California Campus Compact, will begin a new position as Executive Director of Public Allies, a national service program. Good luck, Chuck!

CNS Has Home Page on the Internet - The Corporation for National Service has a temporary home page located on the White House server. When the Corporation gets internet access in the next couple of months, the home page will be moved to the Corporation's own Web server. The Corporation's home page describes all of the programs: AmeriCorps, Learn & Serve America and

the National Senior Service Corps. The address for the home page:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/White_House/EOP/cns/html/cns-index.html.

THE STATE SCENE

Welcome to California's New Regional Youth Service Network Coordinators - Veray Wickham, Volunteer Center of San Joaquin County will coordinate the Delta Sierra Region in the next year. Ned Cooney, Volunteer Center of Greater Riverside and Kay Kelley, Volunteer Center of Inland Empire will be co-coordinators of the Inland Empire Region for 1995-96. We are excited to have you involved. For a complete list of regional network coordinators state-wide or the next meeting in your region call YSCal!

YSCAL NEWS

Mark Your Calendars - The 1996 Service & Volunteerism Conference will be held March 17 -20 at the Parc Oakland Hotel in Oakland, CA. Keep watch for presenter and registration information!

YSCal Offers New Voice Information System - Have you called YSCal's number recently? If you do and have a touch-tone phone, you'll hear our voice information system that offers two new services to the field. First, by pressing button number 1, you can hear the latest policy happenings on the state and national level. By pressing number 2, you can hear a list of job listings throughout the state and country. You can press 3 to talk directly to us! If you have job openings in your organization, you can send them to YSCal and we'll put them on our phone system.

YSCal Job Openings - Speaking of job openings, YSCal is hiring! YSCal is seeking high energy and motivated professionals for three positions in our new independent, non-profit organization: Executive Director, Information Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. Megan Swezey Fogarty will reduce her position with YSCal as she moves into motherhood...For detailed job descriptions of each position, call YSCal.

New Youth California Action Network Members Selected - Sixteen new Youth CAN members were selected in July out of a pool of over 50 talented and excited applicants from all over the state. Currently, we are waiting for all new members to accept their position on this statewide youth service leadership council. We will announce their names in later publications. Their first state-wide meeting will be in early October. Youth CAN will work across the state on youth leadership development, help plan youth elements for the State Conference, and be a resource for youth voice. Call Jenny Girard in our office for more information.

California Program Listing Update - YSCal is updating our California program listing. Watch your fax machine or mail for an update form. If you do not think you are on the California database and would like to list your program, organization, yourself as a resource, or events for the calendar, please call Phuong Nguyen at YSCal!

YSCal Policy Guide - This fall, YSCal will make available a guide that provides individual citizens and youth service programs ways connect with public funds, message youth service, and affect youth

service policy. Keep watch for more information or call Derek Yarborough in our office.

STATE COMMISSION NEWS

Richard Dreyfuss Speaks on National and Community Service - On Tuesday, August 29, Actor Richard Dreyfuss served as a keynote speaker for a luncheon during the AmeriCorps Statewide Training and Development Program. Mr. Dreyfuss shared his vision on the future of service. He is a founder of L.A. Works, a Los Angeles volunteer community service organization and supporter of the promotion of the service ethic through both the public and private sectors.

RESOURCES

Children NOW's Report Card on Children's Issues - Children NOW has created a step-by-step guide to producing a Report Card on the conditions of children in your community. This guide is available free to the public. Based on the belief that one of the major stumbling blocks to improving conditions for children is the lack of awareness and information about children's well-being among the general public and policy makers, Children NOW created the tool now called a Report Card. Annually, the Report Card gauges California's progress in meeting children's needs and encourages actions to improve children's lives. To receive this guide on how to produce a Report Card for your community:

Using the Internet WWW Pages: <<http://www.dnai.com/~children>>

E-Mail: children@dnai.com

Phone: 1-800-CHILD-44

Youth Service America Launches Second Round of Social Entrepreneur Program - YSA's social entrepreneur awards are available for individuals (primarily youth under age 35) starting up innovative or model national or community service not-for-profit organizations. Much of the support YSA provides is in the form of national visibility, peer entrepreneur interactions, national networking, technical assistance, training and mentoring. YSA's social entrepreneur awards are 3 year-awards. For more information, please contact YSA at (202) 296-4030.

Congratulations to Youth Leadership Now - From July 17-21, 40 young Orange County residents between the ages of 12 and 18 participated in the first ever Youth Leadership Now residential camp program. Sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Greater Orange County and coordinated by Cynthia Lanois and Melanie Donohoe, this service-leadership camp emphasized individual skills growth as well as team building. Campers lived on the Occidental College campus all week, experienced interactive leadership workshops and participated in daily service projects in the local community. Everyone involved - campers, Occidental student staff and volunteer counselors saw their week as an impactful way for youth to make a difference in themselves and the world in which they live. For more information on this ground breaking approach to service-learning and collaboration contact Jenny at YSCal.

CONFERENCES

NSEE Conference in New Orleans - The 1995 National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE) National Conference will be held November 8-11, 1995 in New Orleans. The four-day event en-

titled, Critical Learning Connections: People, Ideas, Institutions, and Communities will bring together hundreds of educators from a variety of institutions and organizations. The conference is designed to take a critical look at the connections between experiential education and the purposes of education today and beyond. This theme was chosen because today's environment includes:

“changing workforce demands which require problem solving and critical thinking; strong interest in developing alliances between educational institutions and business and community; rapid development of new interactive technologies; calls for re-building communities; research showing positive effects of active learning and implications for K-12 and undergraduate curricula; the proliferation of collaborative learning; and public demand for students to demonstrate what they learn.”

For further information, please contact Annette Wofford at (919) -787-3263 or e-mail: info@nsee.pdial.interpath.net

SuperConference 95 is Coming! - Youth Service America's seventh national and community service SuperConference will be held on October 18 - 21, 1995. Join 1,500 of the top policy makers program entrepreneurs, educators, and young people from all streams of the service movement to build national and community service into a permanent institution of American life.

HAVE A GREAT LABOR DAY WEEKEND