
Youth Service California

June Affiliate Update

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THE NATIONAL SCENE

Rescission Update from the National and Community Service Coalition and Youth Service

America - On June 7, President Clinton vetoed the rescission bill, after identifying the large cuts in education programs as unacceptable. A new rescission bill that responds to the President's concerns is anticipated in the near future. We expect program funding for September 1995 to be flat funding. YSCal will be setting up a phone line (hopefully this week) where we will provide regular updates on federal policy developments. Feel free to call (415) 723-3803 to access!

Key activities on FY96 Appropriations this summer:

Late June	VA./HUD Subcommittee Mark Up FY96 Appropriations
July 11	Full House Appropriations Committee Meeting
July 18	House Floor Vote
July	Labor/HHS Full Appropriations Committee
August	Full Senate Vote
August	Senate-House Conference

Strategy: Please call YSCal if you would like to discuss strategy and message for encouraging your elected officials to support funding for the Corporation for National Service. Representative Jerry Lewis from California continues to be a key player. Remember, the July 4th recess is a great time to have elected official visit programs.

Eli Segal Makes Case for National Service - On June 7, Eli Segal, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service testified in front of the Senate VA-HUD subcommittee currently working on FY96 appropriations for the Corporation for National Service. He reported from a recently released AmeriCorps Benefits Study which was commissioned by the IBM Corporation, The Charles A. Dana Foundation, The James Irvine Foundation, and Youth Service California. The study reported for every \$1 of federal money invested in AmeriCorps, taxpayers yield a \$1.60 to \$2.06 return rate. Thus the "hard work of the AmeriCorps members results in measurable benefits to the community while saving money for taxpayers." All of the Senators in attendance - Senators Christopher "Kit" Bond (R-MO), chairperson, Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Bob Kerrey (D-NE) - praised the efforts of AmeriCorps members in their states.

Despite the praise for AmeriCorps members, both Senators Bond and Kerrey stated that it may be necessary to eliminate the program to achieve a balanced budget. Senator Kerrey indicated he is concerned that supporting the AmeriCorps program will lead to other programs making similar appeals which will derail the efforts to balance the budget. It was made clear at the hearing that the Corporation will probably not receive the requested 42% increase in funding for FY '96.

Other News from the Washington - Senator John Ashcroft (R-MO) introduced legislation that

proposes a tax credit of up to \$500 for people who spend at least 50 hours a year in volunteer work with a charity that services poor people. In addition, the bill would allow states to contract directly with religion-based charities for the delivery of services to the poor.

Nike Announces AmeriCorps Partnership - Nike announced that it will award \$150,000 in cash grants to AmeriCorps projects. All projects will focus on creating more sports and fitness opportunities for young people and will be awarded in six U.S. cities: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, Portland, and Memphis. Nike believes that creating safe, accessible places for young people to participate in sports and fitness can alleviate many problems in inner cities like gangs, drugs, crime and high school dropouts. The grants are being given to projects which must be completed between June 1, 1995 and May 31, 1996. For more information call Marlis Miller, Oregon Commission for National and Community Service at 503-725-5903.

YSCAL NEWS

Summer "Currents" - YSCal is working on its Summer issue of *Currents*. We are still accepting replies to the question posed in our "Letter to the Editor" section. It is "What is your vision of youth service in California and what needs to be accomplished to make that vision a reality." Send your response by Friday, June 23rd. Young people are encouraged to send their words of wisdom!!!! We also have some space for local champions you would like featured in YSCal...Any questions about *Currents*, please call Nicole at YSCal, 415-723-3803.

Non-profit - YSCal is becoming a non-profit organization. Do you have ideas for new directions for YSCal as a state-wide organization promoting youth service? What could we do to continue to serve the field? Would you like to play more of a lead role in YSCal? The YSCal Steering Committee will have a retreat July 20-21. Let us know if you have ideas you would like us to discuss.

California Program Listing Update - This summer YSCal will update our California program listing. Watch your mail for an update packet. If you do not think you are on the database and would like to list your program, organization, yourself as a resource, or events your organization is doing, please call us!

STATE COMMISSION NEWS

Next Commission Meeting: Meetings of the Commission on Improving Life Through Service are open to the public. The next meeting will be held August 24th in Los Angeles. Contact: Circe Olander at the Commission for specific time, location, and any additional information (916-323-7646).

RESOURCES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

360° Magazine - 360° is a new non-profit organization dedicated to giving youth a voice by providing a forum for students to discuss issues that directly impact their lives. In 360° Magazine, all of the writing, artwork, and photography is created by young people for young people. Each issue of the magazine takes an in-depth look at a single social issue as seen through the eyes of high school students from around the country. 360° is offering a free subscription of their magazine for your

school or organization. Call YSCal for the organizational profile form you will need to fill out and fax to 360° to receive your free subscription. Also 360° is looking for students to join their National Youth Editorial Board for the 1995-1996 school year. Youth editors assign articles and photo assignments and report on new and progressive projects going on in their schools. If you know of young people who might be interested in joining the 360° staff, call YSCal at 3-3803 for an application.

1995 Youth Leadership Forum For Students With Disabilities - The CA Governor's Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons is sponsoring the 1995 Youth Leadership Forum For Students With Disabilities on July 31 - August 4 in Sacramento. Approximately 60 young men and women, high school juniors and seniors will be selected, through a competitive process to attend the free forum. The forum will enable young people with disabilities who demonstrate potential leadership qualities to learn from each other and from successful adults with disabilities who are recognized leaders and role models. For additional information, please contact Youth Leadership Forum, CA Governor's Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons at 916-654-8055.

NSFRE offers Group for Young Development Professionals - The National Society for Fundraising Executives (NSFRE) is developing a partnership with YSCal to connect fund raising resource people and training to the youth service field. In June, NSFRE is convening a group of young development professionals to improve outreach to grassroots organizations. The meeting will be held on June 28 in Beverly Hills. For more information about this meeting or other opportunities with NSFRE, call YSCal Consultant, Arlene Steputat at 805-565-0834 (note: her message machine takes several rings to pick up!).

Service Learning Videos: YSCal has a new list of videos on service learning. Call us to receive or watch for it in the Summer issue of *Currents*.

Public Funding Research: Mike MacCrystall will be researching and writing a piece on existing state and federal programs with service in their legislative intent. The product will include opportunities for local programs to access funds and contact information. We will have available this Fall.

State Conference: On April 18, YSCal, the Volunteer Centers of California, the State Commission, CDE-CalServe, CA Campus Compact, and SL2000 met to discuss the future of the state conference. We hope to have a State Conference in February 96 in the North - Oakland or Sacramento...More details in the upcoming *Currents* newsletter.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funds Available for YouthBuild Program - The Dept. of Housing and Urban Development announces the availability of approximately \$74 million for FY95 program funds under its YouthBuild Program. Approximately \$5 million will be used for planning grants; the remainder for implementation grants. The purposes of the program are to 1) provide economically disadvantaged young adults with opportunities to obtain education, employment, skills and meaningful on-site work experience as a service to their communities and as a means to achieve self-sufficiency; 2) foster the development of leadership skills and commitment to community; 3) expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless and 3) expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless and low and very low income persons by providing planning grants for program design and imple-

mentation grants for carrying out a YouthBuild program.

THANK YOU!

for all you do to make service a part of every young person's life in CA!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!

