



Prevention Corps

Frequently Asked Questions

What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs, made up of three primary programs that each take a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs like increasing academic achievement, mentoring youth, fighting poverty, sustaining national parks, preparing for disasters, and more.

What is Prevention Corps?

Prevention Corps is an AmeriCorps program that is educating and empowering communities across Connecticut to end the opioid crisis. Our mission is to provide proactive, community-focused solutions in opioid education, awareness, and stigma reduction. The program's core values of empowerment, partnership, and awareness are alive in every aspect of our work.

Is the AmeriCorps position an internship, a volunteer opportunity, or a job?

The AmeriCorps position is a unique national service opportunity, different from a volunteer position or employment. It is a chance for everyday citizens to lend their time, energy, and skills to fighting against the opioid epidemic while gaining valuable skills and connections in the field of prevention.

Many of our alumni have used their service term as an internship! This is dependent on your school and academic department. We will work with you to determine whether this is the case for you.

How long do members serve?

Members serve for a ten-month term, typically from October-August. Members can choose to serve a 900-hour term (23 hours/week) or a 1200-hour term (35 hours/week).

Where do members serve?

We partner with a variety of organizations who host our members. Some examples are: health departments, youth and family services departments, colleges and universities, regional behavioral health action organizations, and local prevention councils. Members are matched with a site and serve there for their entire term.



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What is the recruitment process like?

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Once your application has been approved, we will schedule a quick phone call to discuss the details of your application. From there, we will schedule a program interview. The final step is matching interviews, where you'll get to meet site supervisors. Once we confirm a member-site match, you'll move onto onboarding for the program year.

What can I expect from this position?

As a Prevention Corps AmeriCorps member, you will:

- Connect with community members to teach life-saving information and skills, including how to reverse an overdose using Narcan
- Work in partnership with community stakeholders to use the Strategic Prevention Framework to guide efforts to prevent substance abuse
- Build new and lasting partnerships within the community you serve
- Participate in national days of service with AmeriCorps members across the United States

What does a typical day as a Prevention Corps member look like?

The best way to answer that question is to have a member tell you themselves! Email Sheila Wylie, Program Manager (sheila@ryasap.org) to be connected with a currently serving member or an alum.

What are the benefits of serving with Prevention Corps?

- Get paid a living allowance biweekly
- Earn an education award of up to \$4,336
- Monthly training to aid in your professional development
- An orientation which covers training in: facilitation, opioid overdose reversal, the Strategic Prevention Framework, an introduction to the opioid epidemic and recovery basics, and more.



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