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2016-2017 Wisconsin AmeriCorps Program List (Those funded by Serve Wisconsin)

Please contact a specific program to find out more about their activities and AmeriCorps member positions.

Agency: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee
Program: Kinder Academy, Summer Slide Prevention Program, and Graduation Plus
Area: Milwaukee County
Members: 16 minimum-time, 8 reduced half-time
Age Range: 18+

Description: Kinder Academy: In Kinder Academy, ten AmeriCorps members will lead group activities for 16 rising Kindergartners at each of two Boys & Girls Club locations (32 total participants), teaching basic skills and concepts needed to begin school, ready to learn. Kinder Academy sessions will take place weekdays during the summer 10AM-3PM, for 10 weeks, mid-June - August. Kindergartners participating in this program will leave with more of the social and emotional skills, as well as the basic concepts of numeracy and early learning literacy that they need to be successful in the following school year.

Summer Slide Prevention: AmeriCorps Members who serve the Summer Slide Prevention Program will lead activities that motivate and engage children while making math and reading fun. The 10-week Summer Slide Prevention Program (mid-June - August) will work through three Boys & Girls Club locations in Milwaukee's Central and Southside communities and serve 60 youth (children ages 7-9 years old) from 10AM-3PM. Nine minimum-time AmeriCorps members will lead lessons with literacy and math concepts embedded, so participants remain intellectually engaged over the summer in a variety of themed enrichment opportunities.

Graduation Plus: BGCGM's Graduation Plus program will work with 10 eligible students who display indicators of high academic risk for failure at each of seven MPS high schools (70 new total participants) throughout the school year (mid-September - June) from 2PM-7PM. Graduation Plus AmeriCorps members will lead tutoring, academic advising, college application completion, college tours, FAFSA, and scholarship application activities in a cross-functional, comprehensive manner to help students find academic success in high school and prepare them for success in postsecondary education.

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Agency: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee
Program: SPARK Early Literacy Program, Camp Whitcomb/Mason Environmental Education Initiative, and Arts Initiative
Area: Milwaukee & Waukesha Counties
Members: 2 full-time, 1 half-time, 66 quarter-time, 1 minimum-time
Age Range: 18+



Description: SPARK: AmeriCorps members serving as part of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee's Spheres of Proud Achievement in Reading for Kids (SPARK) Early Literacy Program will serve both during and after school in eight club/school partnership sites. Members will work with students in Kindergarten and 1st grades who have been identified by their classroom teachers as struggling readers. AmeriCorps members will implement the SPARK Program by providing one-on-one tutoring sessions and/or small group reading activities that build students' phonemic awareness, phonic skills, reading fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension. Each AmeriCorps member will have 5-6 students whom he/she meets with three times per week, for 30-minute sessions, with the goal of improving students' literacy skills and developing strong, consistent relationships with them and their families.

Camp Whitcomb/Mason Environmental Education: Owned and operated by Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Camp is a year-round facility located near Hartland, WI, approximately 35 miles northwest of Milwaukee, on beautiful Lake Keesus.

Situated on 306 acres of hills, fields, wetlands, and forests, Camp Whitcomb/Mason provides campers with a variety of natural experiences. One full-time member will play a critical role at Camp Whitcomb/Mason year-round, and 20 quarter-time members will serve with an increased concentration during the summer months. Members will create, implement, and lead youth through environmental education lessons and activities in the areas of: archaeology, agriculture, athletics, cultural studies, nature, arts & crafts, outdoor living skills, Wisconsin forest history, and organic farming.

Arts Initiative: In an educational environment where arts programming is often the first eliminated, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee fills a critical need for the youth of the city. Member service includes program development, management, and implementation in a comprehensive art program and serving youth ages 6-18 in visual and performing arts in after school Club facilities in the Greater Milwaukee area. One full-time AmeriCorps member will play an important role at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee year-round, planning and organizing various events such as the Fine Arts Exhibit, Imagemakers Photography Contest, and a week of arts programming and activity at Camp Whitcomb/Mason. Four quarter-time members will support the full-time position, implementing arts programming at various Club locations and assisting with arts events during the spring and summer.

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Agency: College Possible

Program: College Possible

Area: Milwaukee, WI

Members: 33 full-time

Description: Our mission is to make college admission and success possible for low-income students through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support. Each AmeriCorps member working with high school students will lead four to six weekly after school sessions for groups of 10-15 low-income students at our Milwaukee partner high schools preparing them for college admission. Each AmeriCorps member working with college students will be based in our office, using social media and technology to work with students on college campuses in Milwaukee and across the country, to help in overcoming obstacles toward earning their college degree.

AmeriCorps members will help students improve 1) their ACT test scores – where we see an increase of 19% from fall practice tests to the spring official test; 2) the quality of their college applications – our seniors average acceptance rate at 4 year institutions is 93%; 3) their chances of receiving financial aid and scholarships – 90% of our students complete the FAFSA; and 4) persistence toward college graduation – 80% of our first year college students continued into their second year. AmeriCorps members will also teach our students to lead college readiness workshops for 9th and 10th grade students in their high schools and provide events for our high school and college students to keep them engaged in their college and career pursuits.

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Agency: Dane County Department of Human Services
Program: Partners for After School Success (PASS)
Area: Dane County
Members: 35 full-time
Age Range: 18+

Description: Partners for After School Success (PASS) is a collaborative, multi-site program between the Dane County Department of Human Services and host site agencies that provides extended learning programming for youth throughout rural and urban Dane County, Wisconsin.

PASS places AmeriCorps members at host sites in predominantly low-income or resource scarce communities. The goal of PASS is to enhance the academic achievement and school engagement of middle and high school youth through positive relationships and by delivering the following member activities:

- Literacy Tutoring – Members deliver a 1:1 literacy tutoring model to improve student reading skills as measured pre to post reading assessment; over the past three years, over 60% of tutees made target reading gains and over 90% made some reading gains
- Extended Learning Programs – Members deliver enrichment programs during after school hours to build social-emotional skills, re-enforce instructional learning and promote school engagement – all while having fun!; between 2012-2016, over 1300 hundred students served reported increased engagement in school pre to post survey
- Volunteer Service – Members engage youth in community service and volunteer opportunities; every year, PASS members engage over 500 youth in 5000 hours of service activities!

PASS is committed to providing members a challenging opportunity for professional development and growth by offering over 100 hours of training, dedicated host site supervision, member led local and national service projects and weekly member meetings for reflection, education and support.

When asked, “What’s PASS?”

Answer: “PASS is a multi-site AmeriCorps program that enhances youth academic achievement through tutoring, extended learning programs and youth volunteerism while providing members an excellent opportunity for professional growth. PASS members Get Things Done!”

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Agency: Easter Seals Wisconsin
Program: Easter Seals Wisconsin AmeriCorps Partnership
Area: Statewide
Members: 1 full-time, 30 half-time, 2 quarter-time, 18 minimum-time

Description: The mission of Easter Seals Wisconsin is to increase independence, maximize opportunities, minimize barriers, and enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities. AmeriCorps members serve over 500 families from areas where few or no respite services exist, providing programs and activities that are essential to the communities they serve. The majority of AmeriCorps members will serve as Respite Apprentices, providing intensive personal care and leading or facilitating therapeutic recreation activities for individuals with disabilities and their families at Easter Seals Wisconsin’s Camp Wawbeek and Respite Camp in Wisconsin Dells. In addition to providing dynamic therapeutic recreation for campers with severe and/or multiple disabilities it also gives their caregivers much needed respite from the demands of caring for a loved one with a disability.

Around the state, members provide additional significant outreach activities for the camps. In the Madison office, additional members provide significant outreach activities for the yearly recreational/ therapeutic camps for veterans and their families and serve to increase awareness about the inclusion of people with disabilities in the community. One full-time member serves as the Volunteer Coordinator helping both camps' volunteer program including recruiting and training of volunteers.

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Agency: **Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation**

Program: Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps *Afterschool*

Area: North & Northwestern Wisconsin

Members: 30 full-time

Description: Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps Afterschool will place thirty (30) full-time members with afterschool programs that have committed to a case management process that promotes academic success, personal/social development and healthy active living for youth ages 8-18. Members work directly with children providing hands-on service both in school and in the afterschool program to help students improve academic performance. Members will support and enhance healthy active living programs including recreation, healthy eating, personal and social development through interactive programs, academic assistance in schools, and homework assistance after school. Members will recruit and mobilize at least 300 volunteers to support the in-school and afterschool programming. Members will participate in initial team orientation for four days at a resident camp where they will be trained and prepared for an amazing year of service. They will also have the opportunity to gather as a team again in January for training and team building.

Host sites are available across north and northwestern Wisconsin.

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Agency: **Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation**

Program: Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps *Volunteer Wisconsin*

Area: Throughout Wisconsin

Members: 45 full-time

Description: The Volunteer Wisconsin AmeriCorps program is administered by Marshfield Clinic in partnership with the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee. The program was developed on behalf of Volunteer Wisconsin, a coalition of local, regional and state organizations committed to serving as the state umbrella organization dedicated to volunteerism.

Volunteer Wisconsin AmeriCorps will place forty-five (45) full-time AmeriCorps members focused on increasing the capacity of nonprofits to effectively engage and utilize volunteers. Members will recruit skilled and on-going volunteers, and assess and strengthen the existing volunteer management system within the non-profit and their community. Typical activities include any of the following: marketing volunteer opportunities; developing efficient procedures and necessary forms for screening, training, supervising, recognizing, and retaining volunteers; overseeing volunteers; and organizing volunteer appreciation events. Together, Volunteer Wisconsin members will recruit and mobilize at least 450 sustainable volunteers to support nonprofit organizations. Members will participate in initial team orientation for four days at a camp facility to bond as AmeriCorps members, participate in focused volunteer management training, and obtain the tools and forms needed to begin their work with volunteers. While placed in a nonprofit, members work independently, with staff, and with volunteers to help nonprofits achieve their missions and make measurable differences in their communities. The Volunteer Wisconsin members gather as a team again in January for additional team building and training.

Host sites are available across Wisconsin.

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Agency: **Milwaukee Christian Center, Inc.**
Program: Milwaukee Christian Center – Youthbuild
Area: Milwaukee, WI
Members: 3 full-time, 20 half-time
Age Range: 18 to 24 years old

Description: Milwaukee Christian Center - Youthbuild is a Wisconsin Fresh Start Initiative. AmeriCorps members build new in fill housing, constructing Energy Star certified homes for sale to families earning no more than 80% of County Median Income. In addition, members also build ramps and additional accessibility features for low/moderate income homeowners, and partner with community based organizations to lead initiatives and events that leverage 220 volunteers per year. Corps members also engage in GED/HSED completion, basic skills instruction, citizenship and emergency response training. AmeriCorps members make a tangible impact on their community through the construction of affordable housing and accessible home modifications, while gaining job and leadership skills, improving their education, and developing a sense of community through service.

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Agency: **North Central Community Action Program**
Program: AmeriCorps Team-Greater Wausau Area
Area: Greater Wausau Area; Marathon, Langlade, Brown & neighboring counties
Members: 10 full-time, 10 half-time, 10 minimum-time

Description: Thirty AmeriCorps Team – Greater Wausau Area members serve at 6 different host sites including three school districts and three local non-profit organizations. Focusing on educational opportunities, positive social interactions, and outreach to underserved populations, AmeriCorps members provide direct services to youth and their families as mentors & tutors, during & after school. Students served include elementary, middle school, high school & adult learners. Members tutor & mentor hundreds of students, while tracking and measuring academic progress for 350 students. Member development activities include bi-monthly member meetings and quarterly training sessions focusing on tutoring, conflict resolution, First Aid/CPR, effective citizenship & civic engagement. Members will also engage 400 community volunteers, including students, as they plan and participate in service projects throughout the year.

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Agency: **Public Allies**
Program: Public Allies Milwaukee
Area: Milwaukee, WI
Members: 45 full-time
Age Range: Open to all ages, particular focus on 18 to 30 years old

Description: Public Allies Milwaukee enhances the lives of individuals from all segments of society by developing their leadership, as individuals and as communities, to work towards a more just and equitable society. Public Allies achieves this mission by placing young adults, most from the Milwaukee communities being served, in full-time, paid, professional apprenticeships at nonprofit organizations where they serve four days a week for ten months on service projects that enhance and expand the capacity of nonprofit organizations to deliver critical direct services to Milwaukee residents. Our Members develop new programs, mobilize volunteers, expand their host site's client base, and mobilize resident leaders to address community issues. In turn, Public Allies provides an intensive leadership development training program for Members that

results in Members being able to lead more effectively in their personal and professional lives. In particular, Public Allies is effective at putting disconnected young adults on pathways to career and college. As a result of our efforts, we have developed a powerful network of diverse, committed young leaders that continue to serve their communities for years to come. Over 80% of our graduates continue working in the nonprofit and public sector and over 50% return to school to further their education.

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Agency: **Renewal Unlimited, Inc.**
Program: Renewal Unlimited, Inc. Fresh Start Program
Area: Portage, WI
Members: 15 half-time, 3 reduced half-time, 4 quarter-time, 3 minimum-time
Age Range: 17 to 24 years old

Description: The Renewal Unlimited Fresh Start Program will enroll 25 youth between the ages of 17 and 24. The majority of these youth will be high school dropouts, or if they have graduated from high school, they will be deficient in one or two grade levels in either numeracy or literacy skills. 80% will make basic competencies gains in literacy and/or numeracy, with 50% earning a GED/HSED certificate or high school diploma. The youth will work to construct 2 single family homes consisting of three bedrooms that, upon completion, will be sold to a low to moderate income family. As youth are enrolled into the program, they will be assessed to determine their need levels in the areas of basic educational skills, pre-employment skills, job specific skills, independent living skills, health and nutrition, and leadership development skills.

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Agency: **Teach For America**
Program: Teach For America-Milwaukee
Area: Milwaukee, WI
Members: 127 full-time
Age Range: 20 to 60 years old

Teach For America's mission is to enlist, develop, and mobilize as many as possible of our nation's most promising future leaders to grow and strengthen the movement for educational equity and excellence. In Milwaukee, we are proud to be driving change in public education by building a diverse pipeline of high-impact teachers and leaders for high-needs schools across the city. Since 2009, nearly 450 talented young professionals have chosen Milwaukee as the city where they want to make an impact as a teacher and launch a meaningful career in leadership. Last school year, our AmeriCorps members secured life-changing educational experiences for their students: Milwaukee members who used nationally-normed Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) interim assessments led their students to an average of 1.5 years of growth in reading and/or math. This year, 130 members will be leading classrooms across the city and changing the life trajectories of over 7,000 students.

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Agency: United Way of Dane County
Program: Achievement Connections
Area: Madison and Middleton, WI
Members: 20 full-time

Description: Achievement Connections' goal is to increase the number of students passing Algebra by 10th grade with a grade "C" or higher. The structured, school-based, tutoring program targets the skills and competencies students need to succeed in the higher-level math and science courses closely linked to high school graduation, college attendance and completion, employment and earning potential. The program is a partnership between United Way of Dane County, the Madison Metropolitan School District, and the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District. The AmeriCorps team works closely with teachers, staff, and community volunteers at four local high schools to serve over 410 low-performing students each year, with 230 (75%) of the 307 students who receive at least 15 sessions of tutoring mastering at least 10 assigned math objectives aligned to the Common Core State Standards on individualized progress monitoring assessments; additionally, 65% (200 of 307) of students achieving 15 or more tutoring sessions will show gains in non-cognitive skills as measured by the program's Math Habits survey.

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Agency: United Way of Dane County
Program: Schools of Hope AmeriCorps Project
Area: Madison and Sun Prairie, WI
Members: 20 full-time

Description: The Schools of Hope AmeriCorps Project (SOH) is a dynamic community partnership which has developed an evidence-based model of tutoring intervention fueled by impassioned AmeriCorps members and committed community volunteers. SOH is a collaboration of the United Way of Dane County, Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD), and Centro Hispano and is also supported by the Sun Prairie Area School District. Its mission is to work with school staff to provide literacy tutoring support aimed at improving the academic achievement of low-performing kindergarten through fifth grade students from a range of ethnic and linguistic backgrounds and low-income families. Members serve as tutor coordinators in designated high-need schools, directing their considerable energy and talent toward advancing literacy achievement by matching skilled volunteers with students, providing direct tutoring service themselves, and helping low-income families build home library collections.

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Agency: University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program: UW-Eau Claire ECLIPSE
Area: Eau Claire and Altoona, WI
Members: 45 minimum-time

Description: Early Childhood Literacy Intervention Program, Services and Evaluation (ECLIPSE) creates opportunities for 3 to 5 year old children who are at-risk, and/or from families with low income to grow in the areas of language, literacy, social interaction, and initiative skills through one-to-one interventions with ECLIPSE AmeriCorps members. Members provide children who have been identified through screening, with intense one-to-one intervention during the school year through partnerships with Head Start programs and other child care programs serving at-risk populations. Interventions include opportunities for one-to-one and small group reading and a literacy rich environment to allow children the opportunity for

exploration with supportive corps members. Growth from this intervention is documented through the pre and post test results that show that ECLIPSE children have greater growth than non-ECLIPSE children. Members provide additional support to the classroom teachers during regular class to improve the teacher child ratio at the centers, thus providing more children with opportunities to gain from increased positive interactions, giving them skills for lifelong learning. ECLIPSE corps members, who are all students at UW – Eau Claire, are able to gain valuable experience and earn work-study money for their education. They develop communication and leadership skills. They make a difference in the lives of young children and gain a valuable education. They make a difference in the world and themselves. That is the power of AmeriCorps and UWEC.

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Agency: University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Program: Vet Corps

Area: Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Outagamie and Winnebago counties

Members: 20 quarter-time

Description: UW Oshkosh's Vet Corps program serves a large diversity of the community's population in the five-county area of northeastern Wisconsin, including Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties. The program's mission is to offer meaningful service opportunities to student veterans to support their transition from military to civilian life, while at the same time providing much needed veteran-focused support to local nonprofit organizations. Vet Corps members will be placed in a variety of local nonprofit organizations where they will support the organizations' missions, which vary from education to disaster relief, refugee assistance, agriculture, and many more. In addition to providing direct service to their host sites to promote their mission, members also act as key resources for veterans and military families and recruit/manage volunteers from the community, with an objective of including more veteran volunteers in community service.

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Agency: Western Dairyland EOC, Inc.

Program: Fresh Start

Area: Eau Claire County

Members: 2 full-time, 10 half-time, 5 minimum time

Age Range: 16 to 24 years old

Description: The Western Dairyland Fresh Start program provides at risk youth with essential social, educational, employment, community service and life skills training. While constructing a new home for income-eligible families in the local communities and doing owner-occupied rehab, the young adults work on achieving high school diplomas/HSEDs, developing career goals, improving self-esteem and alleviating barriers to economic self-sufficiency. The Fresh Start focus is Economic Opportunity for at-risk youth. Specific goal areas include education, employment, and housing. Outcomes for the year include: 5 of 7 youth obtaining their high school diploma; 12 of 15 youth obtaining employment; and the construction of one single-family home which will be sold to an income-eligible family. All members engage in employability and job specific skills training and expand their knowledge of career fields. Members exit the program with a resume, cover letter, interviewing skills and ideally with full-time employment or enrollment into post-secondary school. The achievement of AmeriCorps education awards provide members with funding for post-secondary school training. In addition each member completes CPR/First Aid certification and citizenship training. Members emerge from Fresh Start as renewed young adults, prepared to enter the workforce or college as responsible citizens.

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Agency: Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services
Program: Direct Service Outreach to Runaways
Area: Statewide
Members: 30 full-time, 5 half-time

Description: Youth leave home for a variety of reasons; many are abandoned, kicked out, or leave due to abuse and neglect. Runaway programs have seen major increases in homeless youth. These youth, who live on the street, are in very high risk situations, with few resources and virtually no support system. As a response to this phenomenon, the Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services provides a team of AmeriCorps members to provide street outreach services and response to referrals from police departments, schools, and other youth serving agencies. Members frequent areas in the community where youth congregate, such as parks, malls, convenience stores, etc. Youth are provided with hygiene packets, food vouchers, transportation vouchers, clothes, educational materials, and, most importantly, referral services to provide them with safe alternatives to the street. The members also are available to police and school personnel, by responding directly to referrals. In addition, some members provide services in shelters for runaway and homeless youth or homeless pregnant and/or parenting teens. Thirty-five AmeriCorps members provide these services in 36 counties, ensuring runaway, homeless, and youth in crisis have a strong support system and alternatives to the street.

At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will have had 40,000 contacts with runaway and homeless youth on the street, offering them information on healthy alternatives. In addition, members will be working more intensely with 3,000 youth, providing support to staff with family mediation and crisis intervention. Of these youth, 2,850 (95%) will return home or to a safe alternative. In addition, AmeriCorps members will aid in leveraging 1,200 volunteers that will be engaged in aiding with street outreach, community outreach, and working with youth in the runaway programs, providing 55,000 hours of service.

The longer a youth is on the street, the more likely they will be victims of further abuse. It is imperative that these services are available and a safe environment is provided, where youth can receive the critical resources they need.

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Agency: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
Program: Farm to School
Area: Statewide
Members: 2 full-time, 28 half-time

Description: 30 Wisconsin AmeriCorps Farm to School members will leverage an additional 500 volunteers to implement farm to school strategies in 17 high-need Wisconsin communities. Each community will have a minimum of two half-time AmeriCorps members who will focus on community outreach and nutrition education. The main goal of the program is to expose Wisconsin students to healthy local foods through farm to school activities including: nutrition and garden education in the classroom, lunchroom tastings, working with Food Service Directors on direct procurement, farmer school visits, building and maintaining school gardens, farm to school coalition building, and other school and community programs.

8,000 students in grades 4K-12 will participate in nutrition and garden education activities with the purpose of decreasing childhood obesity. Schools and students engaged in our program will experience a measurable shift toward a healthier school food environment and an increase in student's willingness to try fresh fruits and vegetables.

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Agency: **Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association**
Program: Wisconsin HealthCorps
Area: Dane, Milwaukee, Eau Claire, Marathon, Waushara, Ashland, Marinette, Kenosha, Winnebago, Wood, Sawyer, and Sheboygan Counties
Members: 22 full-time

Description: The Wisconsin HealthCorps is a joint program between the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association and the Wisconsin Public Health Association, which places AmeriCorps members in Community Health Centers, Public Health Departments, and health focused non-profits. Members serve in several capacities: as patient navigators, assisting patients to work their way through the health care system by providing information on obtaining health care coverage, access to care, benefits, and call-backs; as health educators, preparing materials for both individual patients and communities, teaching healthy lifestyles, eating habits, chronic disease maintenance, and public health concepts; and as community outreach specialists, working with several local organizations to improve the quality of care and resources available to patients.

The service of members is geared towards improving health outcomes for low-income and medically underserved populations. By receiving education on modifiable health factors and gaining access to health care, traditionally underserved residents of Wisconsin will have a better opportunity to improve their health status.

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