

## **JustServe AmeriCorps**

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JustServe AmeriCorps is a partnership between Solid Ground, Seattle Police Department, and local community-based agencies, faith-based agencies, schools and other public agencies to prevent violence in Seattle/King County. As a program of Solid Ground - a community action agency dedicated to fighting poverty – JustServe is dedicated to addressing violence issues that perpetuate racism and poverty.

In the 2008-2009 program year, 34 AmeriCorps members will work toward one or more of the following public safety objectives:

- **Prevention & Intervention for Disadvantaged Youth:** Members working at schools and after school programs throughout Seattle/King County will provide leadership development; conflict resolution skills; service-learning activities; mentoring and/or support groups for youth who are at risk of involvement in violence and/or incarceration. This includes low income youth; youth involved in the juvenile justice system; youth in foster care; and youth with incarcerated parents. Several members will develop and provide targeted violence prevention education to the youth.
- **Victim Advocacy:** Members working at Seattle Police Department will provide crisis intervention; safety planning; and advocacy to victims of domestic violence involved in the Criminal Justice System.
- **Re-Entry Support:** Members working at the Village of Hope and other community-driven organizations will provide culturally appropriate mentoring, resource referral and support to adults returning to the community after incarceration.
- **Alternatives to Incarceration:** Members working at Community Court will lead community service activities (including street clean-ups) as an alternative to incarceration in the King County Jail, for adult defendants with low-level misdemeanors. Members working with the King County Juvenile Court will support youth in meeting court requirements, to help reduce the disproportionate number of youth of color locked up in juvenile detention.
- **Volunteer Mobilization:** Members will recruit, train, support and mobilize community members of all ages to get involved in violence prevention efforts in their community.

**Counties Served:** King

**Number of Members:** 36 AmeriCorps Members

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