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## Announcing an Opportunity to serve as Host Site for an AmeriCorps Member

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**DEADLINE to submit Applications:  
May 14, 2009 --- 5:00 p.m.**

### *Purpose of this announcement?*

AmeriCorps HOPE is inviting Applications from potential HOST SITES who are interested in hosting full-time AmeriCorps Members for the grant term from Sept. 1 2009 – July 31, 2010.

### *Who can be an AmeriCorps HOPE Host Site?*

This invitation is open to the following types of organizations:

- > High schools, middle schools, ESDs, school districts, parochial schools, colleges, universities
- > Private and public non-profit organizations dealing with youth, families, and health services
- > Community based organizations / faith based organizations
- > Tribal, State, County, and Local government agencies

Take advantage of this opportunity to have a full-time Member serving your community!

*If your organization does not intend to apply as a Host Site, please pass this Announcement on to local entities who work with youth & family services and AmeriCorps HOPE's focus areas.*

### *What is AmeriCorps?*

AmeriCorps is a federal program under the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), which involves Americans of all ages and backgrounds to foster civic responsibility and to “get things done”. AmeriCorps is often called the “domestic Peace Corps.” Nationwide, over 600 AmeriCorps programs engage over 75,000 “AmeriCorps Members” each year. AmeriCorps Members are not employees and cannot replace employees. They are direct community service providers, serving for a specific term, under a specific AmeriCorps program, with defined service activities. Full-time Members receive federal stipends, education awards, health insurance, child care supplements if eligible, student loan forbearance on qualified student loans, and payment of interest that accrued on student loans during service. Service in AmeriCorps also provides opportunities for development of personal, professional, and leadership skills for Members. See [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org) for further information about AmeriCorps and CNCS.

### *What is AmeriCorps HOPE?*

HOPE stands for Healthy Options through Prevention and Education. It is sponsored by the Oregon Department of Human Services. It is one of 15 AmeriCorps programs in Oregon. AmeriCorps HOPE focuses on youth 10-18 and their families, around prevention education, risk reduction, healthy sexuality and relationships, increasing life skills, mentoring, support, positive youth development, and on strengthening communities through local volunteerism. AmeriCorps HOPE will place up to 22 full-time AmeriCorps Members with Host Sites throughout Oregon for the term of service from 9/1/2009 through 7/31/2010.

### *Would you like to join us? To apply as a Host Site with AmeriCorps HOPE:*

Visit our website at [www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/teens/amicorps](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/teens/amicorps). See [Invitation for Host Site Applications](#) for complete information about the program, roles and responsibilities of Host Site, AmeriCorps Member, and AmeriCorps HOPE Program, forms and instructions on how to apply. EASY Host Site Application packets are scheduled to be posted on the webpage by April 2, 2009.

***See the list of suggested AmeriCorps service projects!***

***What could your community do with a full time AmeriCorps Member?***

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