Summer Ambassador Agency Resources

- **Corporation for National and Community Service** has AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates who can help cities enhance their existing programs by providing opportunities to engage opportunity youth in productive service activities in the summer. AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates will be in the following twelve communities: Baltimore, Clarksdale, Detroit, District of Columbia, Flint, Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Memphis, New Orleans, Pine Ridge, and St. Louis. Contact information for CNCS state directors in these communities is listed below under Regional Agency Resources.
  - Agency POC: John Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff, JKelly@cns.gov

- **Delta Regional Authority** is providing guidance and support as well as engaging with local businesses in Pine Bluff, Jonesboro, and Clarksdale.
  - Agency POC: Jason Smedley, Regional Economic and Community Development Officer, JSmedley@dra.gov

- **Department of Agriculture** will help close the summer nutrition gap for the 22 million students who receive free and reduced-priced meals by providing them with nutritious meals. USDA will also encourage these meal sites to provide enrichment programs and promote physical activity. The regional POCs, who are listed below under Regional Agency Resources, can provide up-to-date information on local outreach, nutrition site locations, and innovative projects.
  - Agency POC: Grace Carlson, Senior Policy Advisor, Grace.Carlson@fns.usda.gov

- **Department of Commerce** can assist with targeted business outreach to expand the number of summer job slots.
  - Agency POC: Aaron Jenkins, Director Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, AJenkins@doc.gov

- **Department of Education** will be offering several Summer Opportunity iForum technical assistance webinars throughout the summer. Nationally, ED will be promoting the Read Where You Are and Future Ready initiatives.
  - Agency POC: Callie Kozlak, LEE Public Policy Fellow, Office of the Secretary, Callie.Kozlak@ed.gov

- **Department of Energy**, through its Energy Jobs Strategy Council, is partnering with colleges and universities to develop meaningful campus work assignments and to identify employers in the Baltimore area who will provide work-based experiences. DOE is developing a STEM-Enrichment Initiative for a cohort of youth whose summer jobs have limited career development opportunity. One day a week (5 hours), this cohort will attend a STEM-Enrichment Day, rather than report to their jobs.
  - Agency POC: Natasha Campbell, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Natasha.Campbell@Hq.Doe.Gov

- **Department of Health and Human Services** will be re-releasing guidance on how cities can use TANF funding for youth employment.
  - Agency POC: Deborah List, Management and Program Analyst, Administration for Children and Families, Deborah.List@ACF.hhs.gov
• **Department of Housing and Urban Development** has challenged its 3,000 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to connect 1,000 youth to summer employment by July 1. Regional leads are listed below under Regional Agency Resources.
  - *Agency POC:* Maria-Lana Queen, HUD Liaison, Federal Interagency Youth Initiatives, Community and Supportive Services Grant Manager, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Maria-Lana.Queen@hud.gov

• **Department of Justice** has grantees in some cities that can help cities with violence reduction strategies. Additionally, DOJ has the following national resources on youth violence prevention: OJP Diagnostic Center & Violence Reduction, National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, OJJDP National Gang Center, OJJDP Comprehensive Gang. DOJ will host a Summit on Youth Violence on June 27-29 in Baltimore and will be inviting other cities to join.
  - *Agency POC:* Ed Chung, Senior advisor, Office of Justice Programs, Edward.Chung2@usdoj.gov

• **Department of Labor** provides cities with WIA/WIOA formula funding that can be used for summer youth employment. DOL also provides online job career exploration resources at CareerOneStop and My Next Move. DOL’s youth grants, programs, and initiatives are listed below under Regional Agency Resources.
  - *Agency POC:* Martha Gimbel, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Secretary, gimbel.martha.e@dol.gov

• **Department of Treasury** has information to help youth make good choices on financial matters. Cities can encourage youth to take a critical first step by signing up for a bank account, and America Saves for Young Workers can provide tools and guidance. The U.S. Conference of Mayors’ DollarWise campaign is offering resources and contests throughout the summer for youth in summer programs. Treasury also recommends the following additional resources and guides: National League of Cities guide, Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, FDIC’s Money Smart, and My Money.
  - *Agency POC:* Louisa Quittman, Director, Financial Security, louisa.quittman@treasury.gov

• **Environmental Protection Agency**, through its Office of Sustainable Communities, has regional leads who can involve youth in local activities, such as site visits, community meetings, and redevelopment projects. The regional POCs listed below are able to help coordinate youth participation in EPA activities.
  - *Agency POC:* Angela Hackel, Communities Coordinator, hackel.angela@epa.gov

• **Institute of Museum and Library Services** can assist ambassadors with developing engaging library and museum services. Additionally, IMLS has discretionary grants that can provide communities with additional summer opportunity resources. The following six cities have received these grants: Clarksdale, Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Washington.
  - *Agency POC:* Dr. Kathryn Matthew, Director, kmaas@imls.gov
• **Office of Personnel Management** will provide information on federal agencies that have a regional presence and may be able to host students over the summer.
  - *Agency POC:* David Marsh, Special Assistant to the Director, [David.Marsh@opm.gov](mailto:David.Marsh@opm.gov)

**Regional Agency Resources**

**Baltimore, MD**

**Corporation for National and Community Service**

- *Regional POC:* Crystal Biles, State Director, [cbiles@cns.gov](mailto:cbiles@cns.gov)

**Department of Agriculture**

- *Regional POC:* Cassandra Morgan, Program Analyst, FNS, [Cassandra.morgan@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Cassandra.morgan@fns.usda.gov)

**Department of Housing and Urban Development**

- *Regional POC:* Carol B. Payne, Field Office Director, [carol.b.payne@hud.gov](mailto:carol.b.payne@hud.gov)

**Department of Justice**

- Department of Justice will be hosting a Summit on Preventing Youth Violence on June 27-29 in Baltimore.
  - *Agency POC:* Ed Chung, Senior Advisor, Office of Justice Programs, [Edward.Chung2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Edward.Chung2@usdoj.gov)

**Department of Labor**

- [Housing Authority of Baltimore City YouthBuild](http://www.housingauthorityofbaltimorecity.org) trains youth (18-24) in construction careers while helping them earn their GEDs.

**Environmental Protection Agency**

- Baltimore is one of EPA’s 2016 Local Foods, Local Places communities, and EPA will be hosting a technical assistance workshop in Baltimore on May 23-24.
  - *Agency POC:* Geoff Alexander, [Alexander.geoff@Epa.gov](mailto:Alexander.geoff@Epa.gov)

**Clarksdale, MS**

**Corporation for National and Community Service**

- *Regional POC:* Roktabija Abdul-Azeez, State Director, [RAbdulaz@cns.gov](mailto:RAbdulaz@cns.gov)

**Department of Agriculture**

- *Regional POC:* Jackie Romain, Special Initiatives Coordinator, Office of Communications and Partnerships, [Jackie.romain@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Jackie.romain@fns.usda.gov)

**Department of Housing and Urban Development**

- *Regional POC:* Jerrie Magruder, Field Office Director (for Jackson, MS), [Jerrie.G.Magruder@hud.gov](mailto:Jerrie.G.Magruder@hud.gov)
DETOUR, MI

Corporation for National and Community Service

- **Regional POC:** Cathy Sharp, State Director, csharp@cns.gov

Department of Agriculture

- **Regional POC:** Trish Solis, Deputy Regional Administrator, patricia.solis@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Regional POC:** Michael L. Polsinelli, Field Office Director, Michael.L.Polsinelli@hud.gov

Department of Labor

- Grow Detroit’s Young Talent recently received $2 million in funding to create summer employment and year-round work experiences for 1,000 disconnected youth and underserved populations. The Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation will create a one-stop reengagement center for youth that will provide case management, career planning and referral services and offer work experiences in high-demand industry sectors, among other activities.
  - **Agency POC:** Martha Gimbel, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Secretary, gimbel.martha.e@dol.gov
- DOL operates a Job Corps Center residential job training facility.
- [SER Metro Detroit Jobs for Progress, Inc. YouthBuild](#) trains youth (18-24) in construction careers while helping them earn their GEDs.

Environmental Protection Agency

- **Regional POC:** John Grosshans, Grosshans.jon@Epa.gov

FLINT, MI

Corporation for National and Community Service

- **Regional POC:** Cathy Sharp, State Director, csharp@cns.gov

Department of Labor

- Flint recently received a **$15 million National Emergency Grant** to help dislocated workers (note, this isn't specifically a youth-focused grant).
  - **Regional POC:** Christine Quinn, Regional Administrator, (312) 596-5403
- [Metro Community Development Inc. YouthBuild](#) trains youth (18-24) in construction careers while helping them earn their GEDs.

Environmental Protection Agency

- **Agency POC:** Lou Pieh, Pieh.luseni@Epa.gov
- **Regional POC:** Alan Walts, walts.alan@epa.gov
GARY, IN

Department of Agriculture

• Regional POC: Trish Solis, Deputy Regional Administrator, patricia.solis@fns.usda.gov

Environmental Protection Agency

• Regional POC: Jim Van der Kloot, Vanderkloot.james@Epa.gov
• Regional POC: Stephanie Cwik, Cwik.Stephanie@epa.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

• Regional POC: John Hall, Field Office Director (for Indianapolis), john.r.hall@hud.gov

Department of Labor

• Anew Life Youth Development Corporation YouthBuild trains youth (18-24) in construction careers while helping them earn their GEDs: (219) 880-2552.

HOUSTON, TX

Corporation for National and Community Service

• Regional POC: Terry Gunnell, State Director, tgunnell@cns.gov

Department of Agriculture

• Regional POCs: Eddie Longoria, Efrait.longoria@fns.usda.gov; Brandon Knox, Brandon.knox@fns.usda.gov; and JoEllen Collin, JoEllen.Collin@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

• Regional POC: Edward Pringle, Field Office Director, Edward.L.Pringle@hud.gov

Department of Labor

• YouthBuild Houston trains youth (18-24) in construction careers while helping them earn their GEDs.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Corporation for National and Community Service

• Regional POC: Louis Lopez, State Director, llopez@cns.gov

Department of Agriculture

• Regional POC: Trish Solis, Deputy Regional Administrator, patricia.solis@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

• Regional POC: John Hall, Field Office Director, john.r.hall@hud.gov
Department of Labor

- YouthWorks Indy program recently received $2 million in funding to enhance existing summer youth employment programs and expand work readiness skills training and work experiences for participants in high-poverty, high-crime Indianapolis neighborhoods. YouthWorks Indy expects to enroll 834 youth and place 364 in unsubsidized employment and 182 in post-secondary employment. Indianapolis Private Industry Council, Inc. will partner with 5 summer employment programs, 4 local education agencies, 3 re-engagement centers, and 49 allied employers.
  - Agency POC: Martha Gimbel, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Secretary, gimbel.martha.e@dol.gov

- YouthBuild Indy trains youth (18-24) in construction careers while helping them earn their GEDs.

Environmental Protection Agency

- Regional POC: Kyle Rogers, rogers.kyle@epa.gov

Department of Agriculture

- Regional POCs: Eddie Longoria, Efraim.longoria@fns.usda.gov; Brandon Knox, Brandon.knox@fns.usda.gov; and JoEllen Collin, JoEllen.Collin@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Regional POC: Wanda C. Merritt, Field Office Director for Arkansas, Wanda.C.Merritt@hud.gov

Corporation for National and Community Service

- Regional POC: Laurie Cannady, State Director, lcannady@cns.gov

Department of Agriculture

- Regional POC: Libby Albert, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Team Lead, Community Programs Branch, Elizabeth.albert@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Regional POC: Ray Brewer, Field Office Director, Ray.W.Brewer@hud.gov

Department of Labor

- DOL operates a Job Corps Center residential job training facility.
- Youth Policy Institute YouthBuild trains youth (18-24) in construction careers while helping them earn their GEDs.
MEMPHIS, TN

Corporation for National and Community Service

- **Regional POC:** Robin Corindo, State Director, rcorindo@cns.gov

Department of Agriculture

- **Regional POC:** Jackie Romain, Special Initiatives Coordinator, Office of Communications and Partnerships, jackie.romain@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Regional POC:** Tosha LeSure, Field Office Director, Tosha.R.LeSure@hud.gov

Department of Labor

- DOL operates a [Job Corps Center](#) residential job training facility.

Environmental Protection Agency

- Memphis is one of EPA’s 2016 Local Foods, Local Places communities. In Memphis, EPA is working in support of the Cooper-Young Community Farmers Market.
  - **Agency POC:** Ed Fendley, fendley.ed@epa.gov

NEW ORLEANS, LA

Corporation for National and Community Service

- **Regional POC:** Vickie Schenk, State Director, vschenk@cns.gov

Department of Agriculture

- **Regional POCs:** Eddie Longoria, Efraim.longoria@fns.usda.gov; Brandon Knox, Brandon.knox@fns.usda.gov; and JoEllen Collin, JoEllen.Collin@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Regional POC:** Earl Randall, Field Office Director, earl.randall@hud.gov

Department of Labor

- DOL operates a [Job Corps Center](#) residential job training facility.

NEWARK, NJ

Department of Agriculture

- **Regional POC:** Armando Vasquez, Public Affairs Specialist, FNS, Mid-Atlantic Regional Office Armando.vasquez@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Regional POC:** Maria Maio-Messano, Field Office Director, Maria.T.Maio-Messano@hud.gov
Department of Labor

- **YouthBuild Newark** trains youth (18-24) in construction careers while helping them earn their GEDs.

Environmental Protection Agency

EPA will be working with the community to form a Community Advisory Group in Newark’s South Ward and helping the City of Newark host their second annual Recycling Summit.

- **Regional POC:** Sabina Pendse (Region 2), pendse.sabina@epa.gov

PINE BLUFF, AR

Department of Agriculture

- **Regional POCs:** Eddie Longoria, Efraim.longoria@fns.usda.gov; Brandon Knox, Brandon.knox@fns.usda.gov; and JoEllen Collin, JoEllen.Collin@fns.usda.gov

PINE RIDGE, SD

Corporation for National and Community Service

**Regional POC:** Jill Deitz, State Director, jdeitz@cns.gov

Department of Agriculture

- **Regional POCs:** Bart Bushman, Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator, bart.bushman@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Regional POC:** Roger Jacobs, Field Office Director for Sioux Falls, Roger.D.Jacobs@hud.gov

ST. LOUIS, MO

Corporation for National and Community Service

- **Regional POC:** Molly Turner, State Director, MTurner@cns.gov

Department of Agriculture

- Bart Bushman, Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator, bart.bushman@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Regional POC:** James Heard, Field Office Director, James.M.Heard@hud.gov
Department of Labor

- **St. Louis YouthBuild** trains youth (18-24) in construction careers while helping them earn their GEDs.
- DOL operates a **Job Corps Center** residential job training facility.

Environmental Protection Agency

EPA will be working with the city to develop a sustainability plan for the St. Louis Land Bank.

- **Regional POC:** Melissa Kramer, Kramer.Melissa@epa.gov
- **Regional POC:** David Doyle, Doyle.David@epa.gov

WASHINGTON, D.C

Corporation for National and Community Service

- **Regional POC:** Saran White, State Director, swhite@cns.gov

Department of Agriculture

- **Regional POC:** Jeanne Hutchins, Lead Program Specialist, FNS, Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, Jeanne.hutchins@fns.usda.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Regional POC:** Marvin Turner, Field Office Director, Marvin.Turner@hud.gov

Department of Labor

- DOL operates a **Job Corps Center** residential job training facility.
- **Latin American Youth Center YouthBuild Public Charter School** Workforce Investment offers a holistic program of job readiness, retail certification, job placement services, GED preparation, and support services for out-of-school youth ages 16-24.
- **Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc.** provides academic training toward a GED, vocational classroom training in carpentry, barbering, environmental maintenance and other occupations, on-site carpentry experience and job placement in a variety of high-demand fields.