

Prohibited Activities Guidance

While accumulating hours, or otherwise performing activities associated with Arizona AmeriCorps programs or the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), Staff, Members or any volunteers recruited or managed by Members may not engage in the following AmeriCorps prohibited activities:

- a. Any effort to influence legislation.
- b. Organizing or engaging in protests, petitions, boycotts or strikes.
- c. Assisting, promoting or deterring union organizing.
- d. Impairing existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements.
- e. Engaging in partisan political activities or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office.
- f. Participating in, or endorsing, events or activities, which are likely to include advocacy for or against political parties, political platforms, political candidates, proposed legislation, or elected officials.
- g. Engaging in religious instruction; conducting worship services; providing instruction as part of a program that includes mandatory religious instruction or worship; constructing or operating facilities devoted to religious instruction or worship; maintaining facilities primarily or inherently devoted to religious instruction or worship; or engaging in any form of religious proselytization. Providing a direct benefit to:
 1. a business organized for profit;
 2. a labor union;
 3. a partisan political organization; or
 4. an organization engaged in the religious activities described in the preceding sub-clause, unless Grant funds are not used to support the religious activities; and/or
 5. a nonprofit organization that fails to comply with the restrictions contained in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 related to engaging in political activities or substantial amount of lobbying except that nothing in these provisions shall be construed to prevent participants from engaging in advocacy activities undertaken at their own initiative; and,
 6. an organization engaged in the religious activities described in G. above unless CNCS assistance is not used to support those religious activities;
- h. Conducting a voter registration drive or using CNCS funds to conduct a voter registration drive;
- i. Providing abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services; and,
- j. Such other activities as CNCS may prohibit.

As of September 28, 2017, AmeriCorps State and National issued further guidance on the prohibited activities of providing abortion services and referrals.

Providing abortion services is limited to:

- a) Performing abortions.
- b) Being present in the room during an abortion in support of the woman or the procedure.
- c) Obtaining or providing medications to induce a medical abortion.

Referrals for abortion services are limited to:

- a) Scheduling or arranging for an abortion-related appointment, including any pre-procedure appointment required by law to obtain an abortion.
- b) Providing or organizing transportation for patients to obtain an abortion when the AmeriCorps member or assigning staff member has actual prior knowledge that the purpose of the visit is to obtain an abortion.
- c) Accompanying or providing translation services for patients obtaining an abortion.
- d) Providing counseling or support before or during the procedure, including explaining what the procedure will be like, explaining what's required to obtain an abortion in a given state, explaining or obtaining signed abortion consent forms from clients interested in abortions, negotiating fees or insurance coverage for a particular abortion, or other activity that promotes or encourages an abortion.
- e) Providing information such as the name, address, website, telephone number, or other relevant factual information (such as whether the provider accepts Medicaid, etc.) about an abortion provider.
- f) Promoting or encouraging use of abortion as a method of family planning.

AmeriCorps members may not engage in the above activities directly or indirectly by recruiting, training, or managing others for the primary purpose of engaging in one of the activities listed above. Individuals may exercise their rights as private citizens and may participate in the activities listed above on their initiative, on non-AmeriCorps time, and using non-CNCS funds. Individuals should not wear the AmeriCorps logo while doing so.

Member/Staff Name

Member/Staff Signature

Date