



Member Prohibited Activities

The National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps/Caring Counts Program is generously funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) using federal funds. Therefore, member activities are, by law, regulated and monitored. Members are prohibited from performing the following activities when counting member hours or while representing the National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps/Caring Counts Program. However, members may participate in prohibited activities on their own time, at their own expense, and at their own initiative. Members may not wear AmeriCorps service gear in such instances.

Types of Service

- Displacing employees or volunteers;
- Assisting in abortion services or referrals to abortion services;
- Handing out hypodermic needles to clients;
- Handing out condoms on public school property;
- AmeriCorps members may assist their organizations with major **fundraising** efforts no more than 10% of their total term of service. CNCS policy permits fundraising by AmeriCorps members to the extent that such activities:
 - Raise resources directly in support of the program's service activities;
 - Examples of fundraising activities AmeriCorps members may perform include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Seeking donations of books from companies and individuals for a program in which volunteers teach children to read;
 - Writing a grant proposal to a foundation to secure resources to support the training of volunteers;
 - Securing supplies and equipment from the community to enable volunteers to help build houses for low-income individuals;
 - Securing financial resources from the community to assist in launching or expanding a program that provides social services to the members of the community and is delivered, in whole or in part, through the members of a community-based organization;
 - Seeking donations from alumni of the program for specific service projects being performed by current members.
 - AmeriCorps members may not:
 - Raise funds for living allowances or for an organization's general (as opposed to project) operating expenses or endowment;
 - Write a grant application to CNCS or to any other Federal agency.
- AmeriCorps members may serve no more than 20% of total service hours receiving **training** (offered by the National AIDS Fund, the operating site/city supervisor, or the host agency);

Political Activities

- Participating in efforts to influence legislation, including lobbying for your programs;
- Organizing a letter writing campaign to Congress;
- Engaging in partisan political activities, or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office;
- Participating in, or endorsing, events or activities that are likely to include advocacy for or against political parties, political platforms, political candidates, proposed legislation, or elected officials;
- Printing politically charged articles in a Corporation for National and Community Service-funded newsletter or listserv;
- Taking part in political demonstration or rallies;
- Engaging in any efforts to influence legislation, including state or local ballot initiatives;
- Voter registration drives;

Union Activities

- Organizing or participating in protests, petitions, boycotts, or strikes;
- Assisting or deterring union activities;
- Impairing existing contracts or collective bargaining agreements;

Religious Activities

- 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;
- engaging in any form of religious proselytizing;

Safety

- Activities that pose a significant safety threat to others;

For Profit Businesses

- Placement of members with for-profit businesses as part of the education and training component of the program; and
- Providing assistance to a business organized for profit.