

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is an independent Federal regulatory agency established by the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*). The Commission consists of five Commissioners, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom is appointed Chairman.

The Commission is responsible for implementing provisions of the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191), the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471), the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261), and the act of August 2, 1956 (15 U.S.C. 1211), which prohibits the transportation of refrigerators without door safety devices.

### Activities

To help protect the public from unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products, the Commission performs the following functions:

- requires manufacturers to report defects in products that could create substantial hazards;
- requires, where appropriate, corrective action with respect to specific substantially hazardous consumer products already in commerce;
- collects information on consumer product-related injuries and maintains a comprehensive Injury Information Clearinghouse;
- conducts research on consumer product hazards;

- encourages and assists in the development of voluntary standards related to the safety of consumer products;

- establishes, where appropriate, mandatory consumer product standards;

- bans, where appropriate, hazardous consumer products; and

- conducts outreach programs for consumers, industry, and local governments.

### Offices

The Commission's headquarters is located at 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Regional offices are located in Chicago, IL; New York, NY; and Oakland, CA. Field offices are maintained in various cities.

### Sources of Information

**Consumer Information** The Commission operates a toll-free Consumer Product Safety Hotline, 800-638-CPSC (English and Spanish); and a teletypewriter for the hearing-impaired, 800-638-8270 (or in Maryland only, 800-492-8140).

**General Inquiries** Information on Commission activities may be obtained from the Office of Information and Public Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207. Phone, 301-504-7908.

**Reading Room** A public information room is maintained at the Commission's headquarters.

For further information, contact the Office of Information and Public Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Phone, 301-504-0580. E-mail, [info@cpsc.gov](mailto:info@cpsc.gov). Internet, [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

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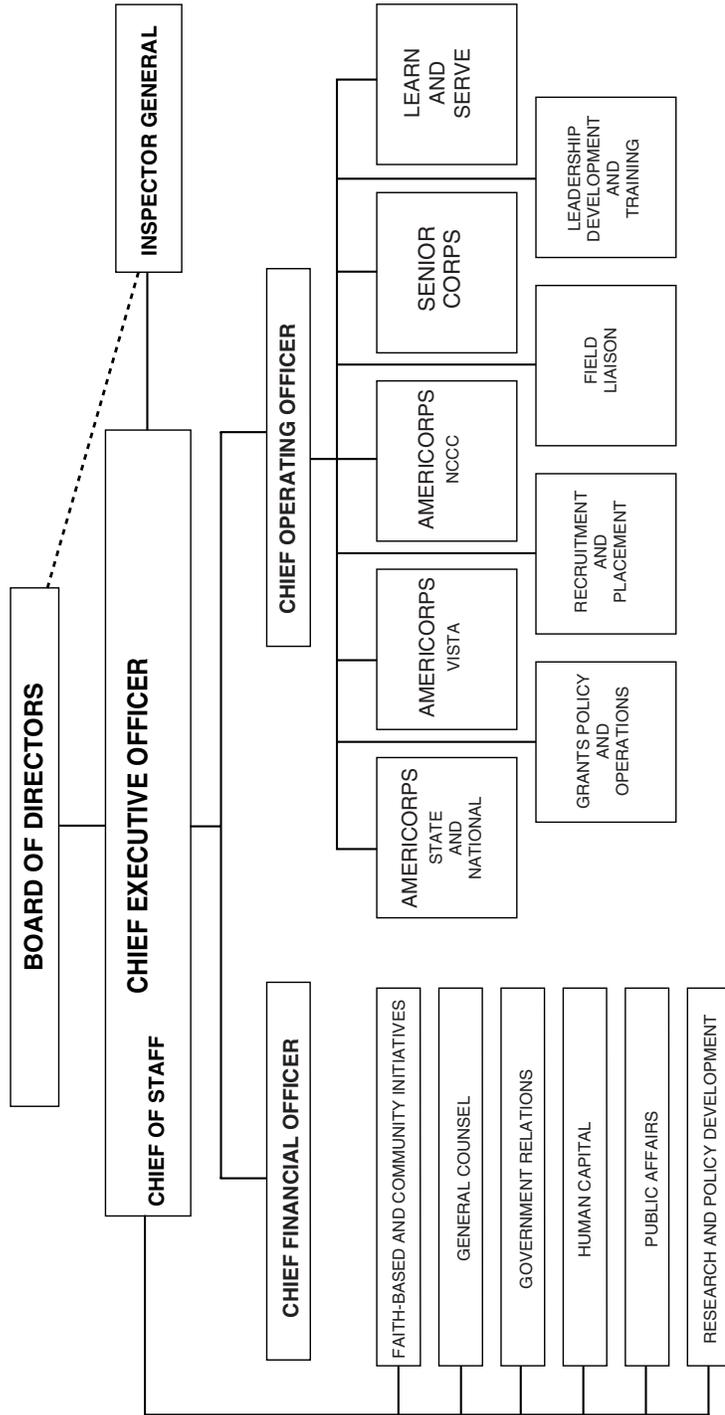
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*The Corporation for National and Community Service engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service that addresses the Nation's educational, public safety, environmental, and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In so doing, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service.*

The Corporation was established on October 1, 1993, by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 12651 *et seq.*). In addition to creating several new service programs,

the Act consolidated the functions and activities of the former Commission on National and Community Service and the Federal agency ACTION.

**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**



The Corporation is a Federal corporation governed by a 15-member bipartisan Board of Directors, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Secretaries of Agriculture, Defense, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, and Labor; the Attorney General, the Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, the Peace Corps Director, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation serve as *ex officio* members of the Board. The Board has responsibility for overall policy direction of the Corporation's activities and has the power to make all final grant decisions, approve the strategic plan and annual budget, and advise and make recommendations to the President and the Congress regarding changes in the national service laws.

The Corporation for National and Community Service oversees three major service initiatives: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America.

**Senior Corps** Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of more than 500,000 Americans age 55 and older to meet a wide range of community challenges through three programs: Retired and Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP), Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions. RSVP volunteers help local police departments conduct safety patrols, participate in environmental projects, provide intensive educational services to children and adults, respond to natural disasters, and recruit other volunteers. Foster Grandparents serve as tutors and mentors to young people with special needs. Senior Companions help homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes.

**AmeriCorps** AmeriCorps members engage in service to address critical local and national needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other areas through three programs: AmeriCorps\*State and National, AmeriCorps\*NCCC, and AmeriCorps\*VISTA. AmeriCorps\*State

and National operates through State and local nonprofit groups. More than three-quarters of AmeriCorps grant funding goes to Governor-appointed State service commissions, which award grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. AmeriCorps\*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a team-based, residential program for men and women from ages 18 to 24 that combines the best practices of civilian service with aspects of military service, including leadership and team building. AmeriCorps\*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members serve full-time, for 1 year, in nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based organizations to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create and expand business, increase housing opportunities, and bridge the digital divide.

After their terms of service, AmeriCorps members receive education awards that help finance college or pay back student loans. In addition, organizations and public entities that manage their own nonfederally funded community service programs can apply directly to the Corporation for AmeriCorps education awards for their participants. All AmeriCorps grants require matching funds.

**Learn and Serve America** Learn and Serve America engages more than one million students in community service linked to academic achievement and the development of civic skills. This type of learning, called service learning, improves communities while preparing young people for a lifetime of responsible citizenship.

Learn and Serve America provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to support its efforts. Grants are awarded through the Corporation and State educational agencies and commissions, nonprofit organizations, and higher education associations. School-based programs receive grants through State educational agencies or nonprofits, while community-based programs apply for funding through the same State commissions that coordinate AmeriCorps grants or through nonprofits. Higher education institutions and associations apply directly to the

Corporation for grants. In addition to providing grants, Learn and Serve America serves as a resource on service and service-learning to teachers, faculty members, schools, and community groups and promotes student service through the Presidential Freedom Scholarships.

**Other Initiatives** The Corporation's mission to develop and support an ethic of service in America involves initiatives, special demonstration projects, and other activities, in addition to the three major program areas. These include promoting literacy, supporting homeland security, helping faith-based and community-based organizations accomplish their missions, bridging the digital divide, including more disabled participants in Corporation activities, responding to disasters, promoting the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through the Day of Service program, and supporting research on national service. The Corporation also carries out an extensive training and technical assistance effort to support and assist State commissions and service programs. Through partnership with the private sector, other Federal agencies, the Points of Light Foundation, and America's Promise, the Corporation further advocates and advances service in America.

The Corporation and its programs are also a part of the USA Freedom Corps, established on January 29, 2002, by Executive Order 13254. USA Freedom Corps is a White House initiative to

foster a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility, and help all Americans answer the President's call to service.

### Sources of Information

**Electronic Access** Information regarding the Corporation's programs and activities is available on the Internet, at [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org). Information for persons interested in joining AmeriCorps is available at [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org). Information on the USA Freedom Corps is available at [www.usafreedomcorps.gov](http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov).

**General Information** To obtain additional information regarding AmeriCorps, call 800-942-2677 (toll free). For Senior Corps programs, call 800-424-8867 (toll free). For USA Freedom Corps, call 877-872-2677 (toll free).

**Grants** All notices of available funds are made through the [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) Web site. State program offices and commissions on national and community service are located in most States and are the best source of information on programs in specific States or communities.

**Recruitment** Persons interested in joining AmeriCorps should call 800-942-2677 (toll free). Internet, [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org). To participate in other national service programs, contact State offices or State commissions on national and community service.

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