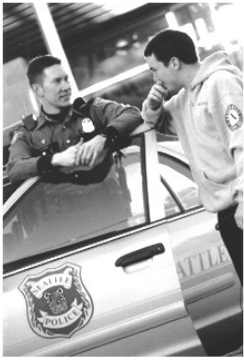


## HISTORY



JustServe AmeriCorps was founded in 1994, at the inception of AmeriCorps. Originally known as “Seattle JustServe AmeriCorps”, the program was one of five AmeriCorps teams sponsored by the Department of Justice nationwide, focusing on youth violence prevention.

JustServe continues to address and prevent youth violence and incarceration, to this day. And, over the years, the scope of our work has grown: Today, Members focus on youth violence prevention, advocacy to victim/survivors of domestic violence and hate crime, domestic violence prevention education with teens, prison re-entry support, and other innovative initiatives that engage and support community

members to take action for public safety.

Here are just a few examples of the powerful role that JustServe AmeriCorps Members have played to increase the capacity of local organizations throughout Seattle/King County, since the program’s inception:

- Worked with Seattle Police Department to create the nationally recognized Domestic Violence Victim Support Team Program, which recruits community volunteers to provide emotional support, safety planning and referrals to victims of domestic violence at secured crime scenes. This JustServe project received the 1999 CNCS All\*AmeriCorps Award medal for Strengthening Communities.
- Established the youth-staffed crisis line at Crisis Clinic's Teen Link.
- Helped to establish the volunteer-staffed crisis line at New Beginnings Domestic Violence Program.
- Established peer mediation programs in middle and high schools throughout South Seattle and South King County.
- Helped to create the first Mayor's Youth Council, providing youth feedback from 13 different neighborhoods to the City of Seattle Mayor.
- Planned and coordinated the first ever South King County Take Back the Night event.
- Wrote a comprehensive manual for community volunteers at the King County Prosecutor's Office to better assist domestic violence victims in obtaining Protection Orders and understanding criminal court processes.
- Established partnerships between Chaya (an agency which assists South Asian survivors of domestic violence) and the Indian Association of Western Washington and the Renton Gurudwara (a Sikh place of worship). JustServe Members also played a key role in creating Chaya's Peaceful Families, an outreach and education collaboration with local mosques and Muslim leaders.
- Worked with the non-profit Powerful Voices to expand life-skills workshops for girls in the King County juvenile detention and create the STAGES community based education project.
- Helped to build the Asian Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center's youth programs, including the Young Men's Violence Prevention Project.
- Created the "Justice Club" at Mercer Middle School (a service-learning and youth leadership program addressing cultural diversity and hate crimes) in collaboration with Hate Free Zone.
- Developed gang violence prevention presentations for El Centro de la Raza's cultural history and poetry classes for youth.
- Helped to launch the Powerful Living prison re-entry support project and the youth Real Opportunities Center at the Village of Hope.