

JustServe AmeriCorps Highlights & Accomplishments



Since 1994, more than 700 people of diverse ages and backgrounds have taken up the JustServe AmeriCorps call to service, contributing a year of their lives to work for public safety. Since the program was founded, JustServe AmeriCorps Members have...

- Worked with the Seattle Police Department to develop 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 project received the 1999 CNCS All*AmeriCorps Award medal for Strengthening Communities.*
- Established volunteer-staffed crisis line programs at Crisis Clinic's Teen Link and the New Beginnings Domestic Violence Program.
- Established partnerships between Chaya (an agency which assists South Asian domestic violence survivors) and the Indian Association of Western Washington and 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 nonprofit Powerful Voices to expand life skills workshops for girls in the King County juvenile detention system.
- Created the "Justice Club" at Mercer Middle School, a unique service-learning and youth leadership program addressing cultural diversity and hate crimes, in collaboration with partner agency Hate Free Zone.
- Created peer mediation programs in middle and high schools throughout Seattle and South King County.
- Planned and coordinated the first ever South King County Take Back the Night event.
- Helped to create the first Mayor's Youth Council, providing youth feedback from 13 different neighborhoods to the City of Seattle's Mayor.
- Wrote a comprehensive manual for community volunteers at the King County Prosecutor's Office to assist domestic violence victims in obtaining Protection Orders and understanding criminal court processes.
- Piloted interactive teen dating and family violence prevention workshops within the City of Seattle's Academic Support Program and intra-agency alternative schools.
- Launched the Asian Pacific Islander Safety Center's youth programs, including the Young Men's Violence Prevention Project.
- Helped launch Seattle Community Court, providing social service referrals and community service activities (as an alternative to incarceration) to adults facing homelessness, poverty and addictions.
- Developed financial literacy workshops for domestic violence victims in the Spanish-speaking community.
- Expanded afterschool programs and leadership development programs for refugee and immigrant youth at the Seattle Bilingual Orientation Center.
- Increased dialogue between community and police at Seattle Police Department's Community Outreach Program.
- Helped build the Village of Hope, providing support to people coming out of the prison system.



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