



Suggested Talking Points
Students in Service AmeriCorps Termination
Campus Partners to Community Agencies

Message to Community Agencies:

Washington Campus Compact, the administrator of the Student in Service AmeriCorps program, is terminating the program effective Wednesday, February 29, 2012. This is the program that some of your college student volunteers may participate in to earn an education award based on the number of hours they serve at your agency/nonprofit/school, etc.

What this means for Community Agencies:

1. College student volunteers enrolled in the Students in Service AmeriCorps program are no longer eligible to earn hours toward their award after close of business on Wednesday, February 29, 2012
2. You should not sign any timesheets indicating hours served after Wednesday, February 29, 2012
3. You may lose some college student volunteers
4. This does not necessarily reflect poorly on the agency, the student, or the campus partner

Why this happened:

1. While most SIS members were performing valuable service to their communities, multiple times when CNCS conducted random position description reviews, they questioned whether the service was allowable and not a prohibited activity.
2. Unfortunately, there were a few instances in which members were actually engaged in prohibited or unallowable activities per AmeriCorps and SIS guidelines.
3. These findings did not give us confidence that 100% of our members were engaged in allowable activities.

Next Steps:

1. Campuses will continue to work encourage college student volunteers to serve the community
2. Other as determined by campus