



## **AmeriCorps Restoring Youth and Communities**

**What is this?** - a program that will involve 34 individuals serving full time over eleven months as AmeriCorps Members working with youth in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities and on parole (formerly known as the California Youth Authority).

**What will an AmeriCorps Member be doing?** – Assisting DJJ youth identify issues they care about, such as drug abuse, education, youth violence, coaching them in creating their own service-learning projects that tackle these issues in their DJJ facilities and in their communities, and also connecting DJJ youth with adult volunteers and community based organizations and opportunities.

**What does an AmeriCorps Member receive?** – A \$20,000 living allowance over 11 months, health and child care benefits, and a \$4,725 educational award upon the successful completion of 1,700 hours of service that can be used to pay for education or vocational training; as well as extensive professional training, and guidance counseling in continuing a career in the field of juvenile justice.

**Where will AmeriCorps Members be working?** – In DJJ facilities and parole offices in northern and southern California.

**Who should apply to be an AmeriCorps Member?** - Individuals who care about the successful rehabilitation of youthful offenders and who have experienced such challenges in their lives, especially young adults who have been discharged from DJJ (formerly CYA), and have an interest in exploring a career in juvenile justice.

### **What are the eligibility requirements?**

- Not under active jurisdiction of local, state or federal justice agencies.
- If former DJJ ward/parolee, must be discharged.
- Minimum of two years with no pending charges or adjudicated penal, or health and safety offenses.
- No PC 290 registration requirements.
- High School Diploma or GED, or plan to obtain one through the AmeriCorps program.
- U.S. Citizen or legal resident alien.
- Minimum age 17.

**What's the next step if I am interested?** Fill out an application and submit it by October 8, 2008. Interviews will take place in November and service will begin in January 2009. For more information and to obtain an application go to:

**<http://acryc.org/>; or contact**

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