

Technical Assistance Resource

Each year students from kindergarten through college meet community needs while improving their academic skills and learning the habits of good citizenship. The Learn and Serve America Exchange, a new initiative supported by the Corporation for National Service, is led by the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC). The Exchange provides national peer based training and technical assistance for service-learning programs. Services are available to Learn and Serve America grantees and sub-grantees, Corporation programs, and others needing technical assistance.

The Exchange operates five Regional Centers that match you with Peer Mentors who are available by phone and/or e-mail to quickly respond to service-learning questions. Site visits, presentations, and faculty professional development workshops can be arranged in some cases. The Regional Centers ensure that local needs are met as efficiently as possible by coordinating, co-sponsoring, and gathering information about happenings in the Region.

To address the quality of service-learning professional development, the Exchange has organized a virtual Academy for Service-Learning. The Academy includes six National Trainers who have extensive experience in service-learning with expertise in K-12 Education, Higher Education, Community-Based programs and Tribal Education. National Trainers and partner organizations lead several Regional Trainers and a cadre of Peer Mentors who explore the connection between service and learning, and a variety of issues facing schools, colleges and universities, and community organizations. The Academy ensures state-of-the-art materials and resources are selected and utilized through technical assistance consultation and the Exchange website.

Exchange services are accessible by calling toll free (877) LSA-EXCHange or logging onto the [Exchange web site](#).