

**SPOTLIGHT****Voluntourism — A Growing Trend**

What happens when you merge the field of service and volunteering with the travel industry? Voluntourism! While not an entirely new idea, the last few years have shown it is a popular one, with opportunities expanding all the time. Other terms you may see that refer to the same concept include: ethical holidays, volunteer vacations, travel philanthropy, and volunteer travel.

Learn more about this growing trend in volunteering with the following resources.

**Articles****[Voluntourism: Making It Work for Your Organization](#)** –

GuideStar provides tips on attracting voluntourists to your organization.

**[Voluntourism – Pros, Cons, and Possibilities](#)** –

Energize Inc. offers a critical overview of voluntourism, including reader feedback.

**Organizations**

**[Global Volunteers](#)** – Providing both foreign and domestic volunteer vacation opportunities,

**RESOURCES****Different Ways to Make a Difference**

Volunteer opportunities are more flexible and diverse than ever. That's great news for busy, talented people who want to make a difference, but who need alternatives to traditional volunteering.

Volunteers can give their time and use their skills while visiting other countries, spending quality time with family, and even sitting in front of the computer at home.

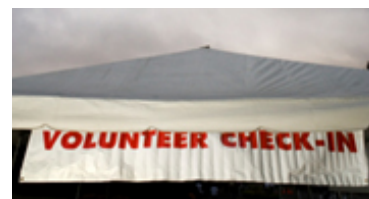


Use the following resources to get fresh ideas about unique volunteering experiences.

**Lending Library****[Volunteer Vacations: Short-Term Adventures That Will Benefit You and Others](#)****[Alternatives to the Peace Corps: A Guide of Global Volunteer Opportunities](#)****[Family Serve: Volunteer Opportunities for Families](#)****[Family-Friendly Volunteering](#)****ANNOUNCEMENTS****New Findings from Corporation Study on Volunteering**

Volunteering in America (2008) offers comprehensive data with state and city rankings on volunteering trends, retention rates, and the growing "voluntourism" movement — all at a new interactive website.

[www.volunteeringinAmerica.gov](http://www.volunteeringinAmerica.gov)



The Resource Center offers tools and resources to address the new findings and to strengthen volunteer management. [New materials are available](#) on the topics of volunteer retention, recruitment methods, human capital strategies, cost-effective volunteering, and voluntourism.

**New Report on Connecting Formerly Incarcerated People to the Labor Market**

[Public/Private Ventures](#) is pleased to announce the release of a new report for workforce development practitioners who are seeking additional guidance about the complexities of connecting formerly incarcerated people to the labor market.

Global Volunteers — a private, nonprofit, non-sectarian, non-governmental organization — engages short-term volunteers on micro-economic and human development programs in close partnership with local people worldwide.

[International Volunteer Programs Association](#) – Alliance of non-governmental organizations involved in international volunteer work and internship exchanges; IVPA can serve as a guide to anyone considering volunteering abroad or developing international service opportunities.

[VolunTourism](#) – Volun-Tourism is the integrated combination of voluntary service with the traditional elements of travel and tourism — arts, culture, geography, history, and recreation — while at your destination.

## Effective Practices Collection

[Creating a successful online mentoring program](#)

[Managing online volunteers: six tips](#)

[Using tag lines to attract online volunteers](#)

[Screening online volunteers](#)

## Other Resources

[Ask the Expert: Jayne Cravens — Online Volunteering](#)

[Online Volunteering Resources from Volunteering in America](#)



[Going to Work with a Criminal Record](#) offers tools to organize these efforts while also outlining how to avoid common mistakes. The resource includes tips on how to developing relationships with employers, parole officers, and the local child support enforcement agency.

The guide is based on lessons learned from the [Fathers at Work initiative](#), a three-year, six-site demonstration funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to help young, noncustodial fathers achieve increased employment and earnings, involvement in their children's lives, and more consistent financial support of their children. [Download the PDF document.](#)

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## ONLINE LEARNING CENTER



New online course: [Youth Impact: Starting and Strengthening Quality Programs](#)

Designed for both new and veteran program staff, this course will help you find, prepare, and keep the right members and volunteers to work with youth. From the team at LEARNS.

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