

E-Newsletter from The Resource Center

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Spotlight of the Month



Looking Forward to National & Global Youth Service Day

Millions of youth will participate in [National & Global Youth Service Day](#) — the largest service event in the world — during April 20–22, 2007.

The goals of National & Global Youth Service Day are to:

- MOBILIZE youth to identify and address the needs of their communities through service
- SUPPORT youth on a life-long path of service and civic engagement
- EDUCATE the public, the media, and policymakers about the year-round contributions of young people as community leaders

During the National & Global Youth Service Day event, young people will design and lead service-learning projects involving issues that range from literacy and the environment, to healthcare, nutrition, and poverty. The event is led by Youth Service America, with assistance from a consortium that includes 115 of the nation's largest nonprofit and youth development organizations.

Download this article developed by Youth Service America: [National Youth Service Day: A Youth Development Strategy](#).

For planning materials, public service announcements, graphics, and other resources, visit the [National & Global Youth Service Day website](#).

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CNCS Disaster Services Online Orientation, Part II

Learn more about the role of national service and volunteers in disaster services.

Part II of this three-part series provides in-depth information about specific functions in disaster services for volunteers interested in participating in disaster response. Topics include:

- Spontaneous volunteer management
- Donations management
- Mass care
- Case management

We hope the information presented in this part of the series will inspire you to pursue further training. This course is available free of charge from the [Online Learning Center](#). Log in to access this course today! [Read more about the complete series](#).



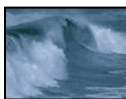
Connecting with Kids: Communication Strategies for Volunteers

Do your volunteer mentors and tutors sometimes struggle to communicate effectively with youth? Do they need advice for handling delicate situations or responding to inappropriate behavior? Are they making the most of opportunities to build skills through conversation?

Check out the latest issue of The Tutor newsletter: [Connecting with Kids: Communication Strategies for Volunteers](#). The Tutor — created by LEARNS and housed at The Resource Center — provides volunteers with concrete communication strategies that can enhance their relationships with youth, build young people's critical thinking skills, and boost cognitive and literacy skills.

LEARNS provides training and technical assistance to Corporation-funded programs that focus on education, tutoring, mentoring, literacy, and out-of-school time. Find more LEARNS resources and information (including past issues of The Tutor newsletter) at [The Resource Center](#).

Announcements



Tenth Annual *Continuums of Service* Conference

The Western Region Campus Compact Consortium announces:

Catching Waves: Using Engagement to Address Critical Issues

April 12–14, 2007

Holiday Inn San Jose ~ San Jose, California

...Network with 500 of your colleagues from around the region and country.

...Choose from over 50 engaging concurrent sessions and interactive poster sessions.

...Mentor, mentee, and scholarship opportunities available.

Participate in provocative and interactive keynote sessions:

- Maria Shriver, First Lady of California and journalist (invited)
- Youth United for Community Action (YUCA), East Palo Alto grassroots community organization created, led, and run by young people of color
- Representative George Miller (D-CA), Chair, Committee on Education and Labor (invited)
- Manuel Pastor, Co-director, Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community at the University of California, Santa Cruz (invited)

- Diana Natalicio, President, University of Texas, El Paso (invited)
- Louis Alemayehu, writer, educator, poet, father, grandfather, performer, and activist of African and Native American heritage

Sign up for one of seven pre-conference workshops:

- Creative Engagement: Connecting Campuses, Communities, and People
- How Community Organizing Can Build Deep, Long-Term Sustainable Academic Civic Engagement
- Introduction to Service-Learning and Building Effective Community Partnerships
- Community Partner Perspectives on Service-Learning
- Western Regional Colloquium on Civic Engagement and Graduate Study at Research Universities
- Pre-conference Summit for Seasoned Service-Learning Directors and Coordinators
- Working with Indigenous Populations with Emphasis on Student Voice and Evaluation
- More session details here: www.acadweb.wvu.edu/campcomp/preconsessions.html

Visit local institutions:

- April 11: Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University
Open house 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- April 12: Tour with San Jose State University and their community partners
10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Hotel reservation deadline: Friday, March 23, 2007

Reserve today at (408) 793-3300 or toll-free at 1-866-241-9878. For the reduced rate of \$119/night (single to quad occupancy), indicate that you are a *Continuums of Service* conference participant. Visit www.acadweb.wvu.edu/campcomp/venue.html for additional hotel information.

Conference registration deadline: Friday, March 30, 2007

Register online: www.acadweb.wvu.edu/campcomp/onlinereg.html

Questions? Contact Brian Heinrich, Communications Director, Washington Campus Compact at (360) 650-4147 or www.wacampuscompact.org.

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