



SPOTLIGHT

Building Bridges: Intergeneration Day & Week

This year marks the 10th anniversary of [Intergeneration Day](#): October 3, 2010. Intergeneration Day starts Intergeneration Week, celebrated worldwide to connect generations through communication, celebration, and education. Participating in Intergeneration Day/Week is a step towards creating an age-integrated community, leading to a healthier community where the strengths of one generation meet the needs of another. [Accept the invitation to participate](#) this year and start planning how to get involved:



- Hold an open house to showcase intergenerational program successes or [produce a local history of volunteering slideshow](#) with an intergenerational focus. Individuals and families can visit a local senior center or reach out to a neighbor of a different generation.
- Get generations together to [create family trees](#) or learn history with [family tree lesson plans](#). View these [other activities](#) including games, crafts, and more.
- End your celebration of Intergeneration Day/Week with a recognition event — use these [certificates and fill-in sheets](#) as one way to reward participants.

RESOURCES

Connecting the Generations

Need help bridging the gaps between generations? Use these resources for strategies to get youth and adults together, more activity ideas, and ways to sustain the connections they make.



Lending Library

- [Side by Side: Exploring Your Neighborhood Through Intergenerational Activities](#)
- [Open Doors, Open Hearts: A Guide to Bringing Long-Term Care Residents and Young People Together](#)
- [More library items tagged with "intergenerational"](#)

Effective Practices

- [Designing volunteer literacy programs for successful intergenerational tutoring](#)
- [Dispelling age stereotypes with a senior-senior prom](#)
- [More effective practices tagged with "intergenerational"](#)

New Tutorial on National Performance Measures

[Introducing National Performance Measures](#) provides AmeriCorps State and National grantees and subgrantees an introduction to the National Performance Measures. [Companion materials](#) include National Performance Measure instrument packets,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learning Pathways for Program Start-Up



The [AmeriCorps Program Start-Up Online Resource](#) is a user-friendly learning pathway to information, resources, and tools to successfully launch and sustain an AmeriCorps program. It is designed to align online resources with each phase of the start-up of your program and navigate your organization through the steps necessary to establish the components of a strong and effective AmeriCorps program. Intended for any staff of an AmeriCorps program, it should be especially useful for staff of new programs as well as new staff of existing programs.

Youth Garden Grants

These grants support schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. Funded by the National Gardening Association (NGA) and Home Depot, awards are in the form of gift cards — five programs will receive a \$500 Home Depot gift card and a \$500 NGA gift card, while 95 programs will receive a \$500 Home Depot gift card. For more information: www.kidsgardening.org/ygg.asp. Deadline is **November 1, 2010**.



detailed background information on the National Measures, and FAQs.

Technology Corner

Simple tech tip:

When editing text in a document or e-mail, hold down the **Ctrl** key and use the right and left arrow keys to jump from word to word. Navigating a paragraph this way is really easy!

DATE CHANGE: National Volunteer Week 2011

The next National Volunteer Week will take place **April 10-16, 2011**. [Access resources and more information about National Volunteer Week.](#)



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