The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act became effective October 1, 2009. One of the aspects of this act which has become immediately effective is the acquisition of funds to be utilized for meeting the needs of AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and Learn and Serve individuals who are currently members in service and have a disability. If you are a member in need of assistance — reasonable accommodation, training, or technical assistance — please do not hesitate to call or email the Serve Illinois Disability Outreach Coordinator for more information.

Let us assist you in your service.
Edward M. Kennedy
Serve America Act

The Serve America Act passed on March 26, 2009 expands the mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service. It increases the opportunity for Americans of all ages to serve our country. A new goal of 250,000 AmeriCorps positions by 2017 represents a huge increase from the 75,000 current members positions. It creates more opportunities for youth and seniors to participate in expanded programs throughout the country. A new option is available for individuals 55 or over to transfer education credits to children or grandchildren. More funds have been designated to support and create new social innovation programs. Serve Illinois as a recipient of funds from the National Corporation for National and Community Service plans to expand efforts toward inclusion and recruitment of persons with disabilities into AmeriCorps service.

Reasonable Accommodations Training Technical Assistance

Because of the extent of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, not all areas covered will be immediately available. One that is immediately available is access to funds allocated for reasonable accommodations, training, and technical assistance for members in current service in AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn & Serve Programs across the state of Illinois. If you are a member or a Program director of a member who has disclosed a disability and expressed a need for accommodations, training or technical assistance, please contact the Serve Illinois Disability Outreach Coordinator with your information.

Let us begin to serve you.

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