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## **CareerSource Broward Now Hiring For Positions With AmeriCorps**

*National Service Program Teaches Valuable Work-Based Skills, Creates Career Pathways*

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – June 12, 2017 – CareerSource Broward is now accepting applications to fill open positions with AmeriCorps, a national program that aims to strengthen communities by developing leaders through employment and team-based volunteer activities.

Since 1994, AmeriCorps has placed thousands of Americans into intensive service positions where they are able to learn valuable work skills, while also developing an appreciation for citizenship. Individuals serve a one-year commitment with local nonprofits and government agencies and are involved with service-based projects that focus on health, public safety, education, the environment and other critical needs facing local communities. Participants also earn a monthly living allowance and are eligible to receive an education award of up to \$2,887.50 after successful completion of the program.

"Establishing a passion for service can lead to opportunities that can have a profound effect on someone who wants to make a difference in today's society. Not only does AmeriCorps help move communities in a positive direction, but it also creates jobs and provides career pathways for anyone looking to enter or re-enter the workforce," said Mason C. Jackson, President/CEO of CareerSource Broward."

Last program year, CareerSource Broward hired 40 AmeriCorps members who completed a combined 1,956 volunteer hours – all of which were spent within local communities in Broward County. Service projects included helping to feed more than 1,300 families; participation in local National Adoption Day activities, in which 40 children were adopted; and the facilitation of workshops on topics such as money management, financial literacy, career guidance and more.

"AmeriCorps truly reinforces the value of hard work and helps foster professional development and personal growth, which in turn lets you reach your highest potential. It was an amazing experience, and I was even eligible to receive a financial stipend to help further my educational goals," said Daschielle Louis, who was recognized by Volunteer Florida for her outstanding contributions as an AmeriCorps member with CareerSource Broward.

Individuals interested in applying for AmeriCorps positions must be a Broward County resident, 18 years or older (no age limit) and meet U.S. citizen or permanent resident requirements. Veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply, and **positions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis**. The upcoming program year is slated to begin Tuesday, Aug. 1, pending final funding allocation. To apply or for additional information, visit <http://bit.ly/2017CSBD-AmeriCorpsJobs> or email [dlouis@careersourcebroward.com](mailto:dlouis@careersourcebroward.com).

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CareerSource Broward (CSBD), the administrative entity of the Broward Workforce Development Board, is a federally-funded, locally controlled organization that provides innovative employment solutions and quality workforce services to businesses and individuals in Broward County. These services are delivered through three strategically located career centers, which provide individual assistance with the Employ Florida website, job placement services, career coaching and other employment-related needs. For more information, please visit [www.careersourcebroward.com](http://www.careersourcebroward.com), [facebook.com/CareerSourceBroward](https://www.facebook.com/CareerSourceBroward) or follow @CareerSourceBD on Twitter.