



GEORGIA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

75 Marietta Street, NW • Suite 401 • Atlanta, Georgia 30303
404.521.0355 tel • 404.521.0287 fax • www.afterschoolga.org

Ten Service-Learning Resources and Organizations

The following organizations and programs offer support for engaging youth in service-learning, to include grants, training, technical assistance, electronic and print resources, and other assistance.

AmeriCorps (www.americorps.gov)

- All the national service grants that engage youth—AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, and the RSVP and Foster Grandparent AmeriCorps Seniors programs—can and often do include *service-learning*. Existing or aspiring national service grantees can apply for federal funds to support youth *service-learning* engagement.

21st Century Community Learning Centers ([Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education](#))

- Supports creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment during non-school hours, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet academic standards in core academic subjects; offers students an array of enrichment activities (*including service-learning*) to complement regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

Coalition for Service-Learning (www.coalition4sl.org)

- An association of education and youth development advocates organizing efforts to renew funding for *service-learning* in schools and community organizations across the U.S. The Coalition offers a *service-learning* advocacy toolkit and training to help others tell the story of *service-learning* and generate support for it.

DoSomething (www.dosomething.org)

- Engages youth to participate in activism campaigns (employing *service-learning*) in areas such as education, mental health, environment, voting, discrimination, bullying, gender rights, gun safety, homelessness, physical health, racial justice, and sexual harassment.

Earth Force (www.earthforce.org)

- Offers programs, resources, and other support to engage youth in environmental advocacy using *service-learning*. Its Environmental Action Civics has youth work in partnership with adults to identify local environmental issues and engage with community members to take action by advocating for systemic changes to policies or practices. The program prepares youth, especially those from marginalized communities, to engage in local environmental decision making.

International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement ([IARSLCE](#))

- Cultivates, encourages, and presents research across all engagement forms and educational levels, to include *service-learning*. IARSLCE promotes high quality trans-disciplinary research across a wide range of approaches and forms and builds the capacity of scholars, practitioners, and community partners to engage in such research. Offerings include an annual international conference.

National Youth Leadership Council (<https://nylc.org/why/>)

- Resources specifically for afterschool and summer programs: [Afterschool - National Youth Leadership Council \(nylc.org\)](#)
- Sponsors and hosts the National *Service-Learning* Conference that convenes *service-learning* educators, nonprofits, administrators, and students ([National Service-Learning Conference® - National Youth Leadership Council \(nylc.org\)](#)).
- Offers *service-learning* grants (<https://nylc.org/youth-as-solutions/>), training, and a clearinghouse of *service-learning* resources, including the K-12 *Service-Learning* Standards for Quality Practice, a research- and practice-based list of 8 standards and 34 indicators for designing and implementing quality *service-learning* ([K-12 Standards - National Youth Leadership Council \(nylc.org\)](#)).

PeaceJam (www.peacejam.org)

- Engages youth in learning about, conducting *service-learning* related to the work of, and meeting with Nobel Peace Laureates. Offers curricula for youth of all grade levels based on the life and work of Peace Prize winners. Youth undergo a journey of self-discovery and mastery of core competencies while engaging in *service-learning* to meet pressing issues in their communities.

Title I ([Title I, Part A Program \(ed.gov\)](#))

- Part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title I provides financial assistance to local educational agencies and schools with high numbers or percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure all children meet challenging state academic standards. Title I funds support *service-learning* activities in K-12 schools and school systems.

Youth Service America (www.ysa.org)

- Offers grants and awards for *service-learning* projects ([Grants | Youth Service America \(ysa.org\)](#)), including National Days of Service grants (\$3,000-\$6,000), Afterschool Grants for *service-learning* (\$500), Sodexo Stop Hunger Youth grants (\$250-\$500), and Hershey Heartwarming Young Heroes grants (up to \$500).
- Offers free or low-cost resources for *service-learning* ([Youth Service Knowledge Center | Youth Service America \(ysa.org\)](#)), including the *Semester of Service Toolkit*, *Kids in Action service-learning* guide, and the *Youth Changing the World Toolkit*.