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Legal Applicant: University of Southern Mississippi

Program Cycle: 2000-03 2001-04 2002-05

Site Location (City, State): Hattiesburg, MS
(for National Direct programs only)

Getting Things Done

1. MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTORING/TUTORING – Campus Link AmeriCorps members will coordinate extended day mentoring program that pairs college students with at least 375 under-achieving middle school students in one-to-one long-term mentoring relationships designed to improve academic efficacy and reduce risky behaviors.
2. COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY - Campus Link AmeriCorps members will host a “College Opportunity Day” to educate middle school students and their parents about (a) postsecondary opportunities, (b) college entrance requirements, and (b) the benefits of higher education, resulting in 75% of the students and their parents reporting an increase in each of these three areas based on the *College Awareness and Motivation Survey*.
3. SERVICE PROJECT ORGANIZING - Campus Link AmeriCorps members will plan and implement 45 community service projects that engage at least 1,500 volunteers in a minimum of 4,500 hours of community service that addresses critical needs in their local communities, as measured by volunteer logs and reported on the Campus Link internal web-based reporting system.

Member Development

1. CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – 125 Campus Link AmeriCorps members will enroll and participate in an online Citizenship and Civic Engagement seminar that involves reflection, reading assignments, individual and group activities and will be facilitated by program staff and campus supervisors on a monthly basis, resulting in 90 percent of AmeriCorps members demonstrating an improved awareness of the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and actions required of active and engaged citizens, as measured by the *Citizenship and Civic Engagement Self-Assessment* instrument.
2. PRESENTATION/POWERPOINT TECHNOLOGY - 125 Campus Link AmeriCorps members will receive training in public speaking and the use of Microsoft PowerPoint software and will make at least two public presentations, resulting in 75 percent of AmeriCorps members achieving improved scores on the *Campus Link Assessment of Presentation and PowerPoint Skills* over a 12-month period of enrollment.
3. PROGRAM PLANNING - 125 Campus Link AmeriCorps members will attend at least one training seminar and receive ongoing counseling/technical assistance from Campus Link staff and supervisors regarding basic youth program planning skills, resulting in at least 75 percent of the AmeriCorps members demonstrating improved abilities as measured by the *Campus Link AmeriCorps Member Annual Performance Review*.

Strengthening Communities

1. SERVICE-LEARNING NETWORK - Campus Link staff and AmeriCorps members will provide quarterly opportunities for service-learning training, professional development, and networking opportunities to at least 50 higher education leaders, resulting in 100 percent of program coordinators indicating a improved preparation and commitment to implementing campus-based programs as measured by the *Mississippi Annual Survey of Campus-Based Service Program Coordinators*.
2. STUDY CIRCLES ORGANIZING – Each Campus Link AmeriCorps team will organize at least one Campus-Community Study Circle, bringing together at least 225 citizens to address a critical public issue in a democratic and collaborative way, resulting in at least 75 percent of Study Circle participants reporting improved relationships between the campus and local community, as measured by participant surveys.
3. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT – AmeriCorps members will collaborate with at least one local K-12 school, faith-based, or community-based organization to increase parental participation and engagement in youth programs by at least 10 percent, as measured by a annual survey of service providers.