

Prohibited Activities Workshop

Introductory Exercise

Instructions: Please take a few minutes to read through the scenarios below noting any issues from the perspective of allowable AmeriCorps member activities.

Scenario 1

The **Liberty Bell AmeriCorps Program** is based in Philadelphia, PA supporting 25 full time members. The mission of the program is to provide immigrants with skills to help them integrate into American life.

AmeriCorps service is divided into the following components:

- Seven members offer ESL classes five days per week in one-hour sessions; each member is assigned ten people.
- Ten members lead empowerment sessions focused on accessing financial and non-financial benefits offered by local social service agencies, as well as state and federal benefits.
- Eight members serve on a Task Force working on immigrant rights advocacy convened by the State; meetings are held weekly and involve weekend work at various public forums and speaking engagements.

Scenario 2

The **Sesame Street Early Childhood Education Association** (SSECEA) downsized its staffing for its Grades K thru 3 Early Education Program just one month before its AmeriCorps program was set to start. Five of the ten teachers were dismissed saving the agency over \$250,000 in salaries and benefits. Luckily the agency's AmeriCorps program was awarded seven no-cost MSY (all full time slots) teach in the classroom that lost the teachers due to layoffs.

Scenario 3

The **Your Health Is Most Important AmeriCorps Program** operates out of Boise, Idaho targeting low-income families and disadvantaged youth in the Boise metropolitan area. Members serve at one of five local medical clinics offering health education classes on topics such as the importance of immunizations, nutrition, smoking cessation, healthy lifestyle choices, etc.

