



## AMERICORPS POLICY UPDATE

TO: 2009-10 New York State AmeriCorps Grantees  
2010-11 New York State AmeriCorps Grantees

FROM: Mark Walter, Executive Director  
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RE: AmeriCorps Member Criminal History Check FAQs

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The purpose of this memo is to convey information on a new procedure for AmeriCorps State Grantees as distributed by the Corporation for National & Community Service and to be monitored by the State Commission on National and Community Service. If you have specific questions after reading the following please contact your Commission State Office AmeriCorps Program Administrator at (518) 473-8882.

The Criminal History Check FAQs have been updated to address the following:

- Questions 1.1 and 2.3 have been changed to identify April, 2011, as the date FBI background checks will be required for covered individuals who will be working with vulnerable populations; one or more previous FAQ versions indicated April 2012.
- "First-degree" was removed from all references to murder as a disqualifying offense. Any murder conviction disqualifies an applicant from serving in a covered position.

The FAQs and supplemental guidance about AmeriCorps Member Criminal History Checks policy has been attached to this email as a PDF file and can also be found at the Corporation's website at the following link:  
[http://nationalservicerresources.org/files/Frequently\\_Asked\\_Questions\\_July\\_16\\_Correction\\_2010.pdf](http://nationalservicerresources.org/files/Frequently_Asked_Questions_July_16_Correction_2010.pdf)

You will see an "(Updated 7/16/2010)" flag next to the updated questions in the Table of Contents.

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