

THE VOLUNTEER STAR

a monthly newsletter from your friends at the



KANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMISSION
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JULY IS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH!



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Join us in celebrating [#DisabilityPrideMonth](#) this July by committing to continuous learning about disability issues and inclusivity practices.

We must work together to create an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. One of the most impactful ways to do this is through supportive mentoring relationships.

Mentoring can play a pivotal role in fostering an inclusive community, where youth with disabilities are empowered to reach their full potential.

Let's take this opportunity to educate ourselves and others, challenge our assumptions, and implement changes that make a difference. Learn more about how mentoring amplifies inclusivity and supports disability pride by exploring our resources. Together, we can make a meaningful impact.

<https://tinyurl.com/4ccfvez8>

IMPORTANT DATES

- Independence Day: July 4

On July 4, as we reflect on our country's past, we imagine a brighter, more equitable future. Young people are leading this work, standing

up against injustices & advocating for progress. We owe it to the next generation to join them. [#MentoringAmplifies](#)

- **NonBinary People's Day: July 21**

The mentoring movement strives to be a space where people from all walks of life & of all identities can see themselves represented & know they belong. Join us on this [#NonBinaryPeoplesDay](#) to celebrate all the non-binary mentors and mentees in our movement!

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- **Anniversary of the ADA: July 26**

As we celebrate the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), we reflect on how this legislation has prompted greater inclusivity & accessibility within the mentoring field! Learn more about the ADA at: www.adaanniversary.org [#ThanksToTheADA](#)

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AUGUST IS ADVOCACY AUGUST

Join our movement to learn, enhance your skills, and take action by advocating for youth mentoring to elected officials this Advocacy August! Get started today at <https://tinyurl.com/bdddh52k> [#MentoringAmplifies](#) [#Advocacy August](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

- **International Youth Day: August 12**

Young people are fantastic leaders & visionaries, already shaping their collective futures together. When connected with supportive adults, their potential only soars. Join us in uplifting youth this

[#InternationalYouthDay](#) at <https://tinyurl.com/2fysydx>

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- **Women's Equality Day: August 26**

This [#WomensEqualityDay](#), we celebrate how mentoring relationships can help empower young girls and women to create change and build equity. Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/4e5889c3>

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ADVOCACY

August



**VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND GRANT
OPPORTUNITY**



2025 VGF NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

To expand the capacity of community-based entities to recruit, engage, and retain historically underrepresented volunteers to address critical community issues.

Applications Due 8/26/2024



AmeriCorps

The Commission has been granted funds through AmeriCorps to expand the capacity of community-based entities to recruit, engage, and retain historically underrepresented volunteers to address critical community issues. Therefore, the Commission seeks to fund capacity-building efforts that remove barriers to engage volunteers from historically underrepresented areas including but not limited to BIPOC, LGBTQI+, veteran and military family communities, as well as persons in rural areas and persons with disabilities.

Awards under this NOFO will be made to eligible organizations on a competitive basis.

GRANT PERIOD

Kansas VGF awards will be announced on or around Thursday, November 14, 2024. The grant project period is January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Eligible applicants include any community-based entity serving the state of Kansas, including public or private nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, federally recognized Native American tribes, public or private schools, institutions of higher education, and government entities.

Apply Now: [here](#) (or directly from the homepage at kanserve.org)
Questions? Email: volunteer@ksde.org

9/11 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE MINI-GRANT OPPORTUNITY



**9/11 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE
2024 MINI-GRANT**

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT
KANSERVE.ORG

APPLICATION DUE 8/5/2024

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The 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of an effort originally launched in 2002 by 9/11 family members and support groups who worked to establish the charitable service day as a forward-looking way to honor 9/11 victims, survivors, and others who rose in service response to the attacks. In 2009, Congress designated September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance and charged AmeriCorps with supporting this effort across the country. With funding from AmeriCorps, the Kansas Volunteer Commission is working with organizations across Kansas to engage volunteers in tribute projects.

Entities that are eligible to apply are public or private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and other community organizations, school districts, institutions of higher education; government entities within states or territories (e.g., cities, counties), labor organizations, partnerships and consortia, and Native

American tribes. *All projects must take place in the state of Kansas.*

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CONGRATULATIONS 2024-2025 AMERICORPS PROGRAMS



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AmeriCorps
Kansas

CONGRATULATIONS!

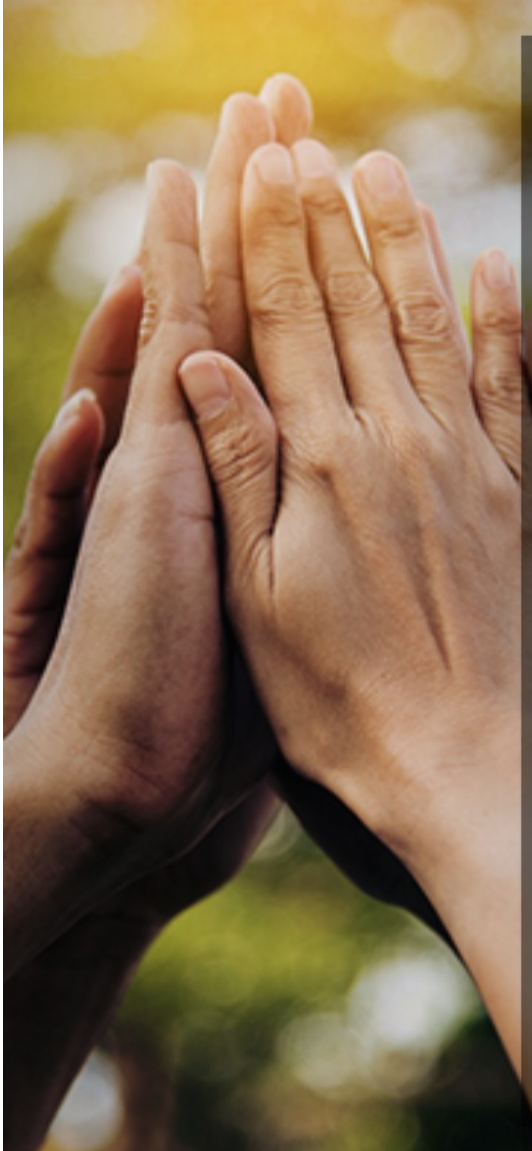
2024 - 2025 AMERICORPS KANSAS PROGRAMS

- Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence
- Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan
- Center for Supportive Communities
- Elizabeth B. Ballard Community Center
- Emporia State University
- Immunize Kansas Coalition
- Kansas Association for Conservation & Environmental Education
- The Educator Academy
- USD 260 Derby
- Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute
- Wyandotte County Public Health







AmeriCorps Program Directors and staff recently attended a training session facilitated by the Kansas Volunteer Commission staff at Ward Meade Park in Topeka. #WeAreAmeriCorps

GIVE BACK KANSAS CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED



 give back
KANSAS challenge
WINNERS
2024

-  Small Category - Flint Hills Volunteer Center
-  Medium Category - Bethel Life Center
-  Large Category - Cloud County, KS Gov't

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STAFF & COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT

**DORSEY CELEBRATES 8 YEARS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
KANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMISSION AND 17 YEARS IN STATE
GOVERNMENT**



The
**KANSAS
VOLUNTEER
COMMISSION**

CONGRATULATES

Jessica Dorsey



on eight years as Executive Director of the Kansas
Volunteer Commission and 17 years in State Government!



MATHERLY COMPLETES THE KLC LEADERSHIP COACH INTENSIVE

Haley Matherly, a program development coordinator for the Kansas Volunteer Commission, completed a sixth-month virtual program to earn a Leadership Coach certificate through the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC).

The KLC's Leadership Coach Intensive program is a Level 1 International Coaching Federation (ICF) accredited program. It includes 60 hours of coach training and 10 hours of mentor coaching, which qualify for ICF's Associate Coach Credential (ACC).

The content included coaching techniques, ethics, and ICF core coaching competencies.

"Earning a coaching credential has been a stretch goal of mine for some time now," Matherly said. "I started seeing my own coach five years ago in response to challenges I was facing as a new AmeriCorps supervisor. Coaching helped me shift my focus from task management to team empowerment, and my team responded in incredible ways. After experiencing the power of coaching first-hand, I knew that one day I wanted to help people and teams make similar transformations."

Gallup, an analytics and advisory company, **estimates the average American will spend 81,396 hours working** over their lifetime.

"Coincidentally, it's also the space where many of our toughest challenges arise. I want to help people navigate their professional challenges as an act of self-care," said Matherly, who began her work with the Kansas Volunteer Commission in December 2022. "Thriving at work often relieves stress at home, and many of the skills clients choose to work on during coaching are transferable to their personal lives as well."

She said she uses KLC's adaptive leadership model to help people make progress on tough challenges and lean into somatic coaching, or mindfulness, to help people access their inner wisdom and strength.

This course requires students to become deep listeners and excellent communicators, Matherly said. She recommends this or any KLC course to KSDE employees and says the Intensive is worth the commitment for that alone, even if they aren't sure about coaching as a career path.

"The Intensive was one of the hardest things I've done, but was so rewarding," she said. "Coaching is a delicate balance of holding space for the client, building trust and safety, practicing deep listening, and evoking awareness, all while remaining vulnerable for connection. I'll forever be learning this art form!"

Dr. Jessica Dorsey, executive director of the Kansas Volunteer Commission and assistant director for the Career, Standards and Assessment Services (CSAS) team, said she is excited to have someone with Matherly's new skillset on her team.

"At the Kansas Volunteer Commission, Haley works closely with our volunteer, mentor and national service programs around program development," Dorsey said. "This requires her to meet regularly with programs, listen to their challenges

and successes and provide feedback for improvement. She also leads our Service Enterprise work and helps programs implement a change management system. We found that technical assistance and training were not sufficient in helping programs make transformational change. They needed something more – they needed to be coached through the process. I am very proud of Haley for completing the Leadership Coaching Intensive through KLC and bringing this new skillset to our work!”

Matherly also provides coaching and technical assistance to AmeriCorps Kansas, MENTOR Kansas, Volunteer Generation Fund and Service Enterprise programs.

"Having a trained coach on our team sets us apart from other state service commissions nationwide. I'm not quite finished yet, though!" she said. "After logging 175 coaching hours, I will sit for the ICF credentialing exam. I hope to apply for the Associate Coach Credential by fall 2024."

Congratulations, Haley!

KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER
Leadership Coach Certificate

We congratulate you on completing KLC's rigorous training process. You have demonstrated your proficiency and readiness to coach using the KLC competencies and principles, in alignment with the International Coaching Federation's core competencies. This certificate represents 60 hours of ICF-approved coach training in the area of core competencies.

This certifies that
Haley Matherly
has completed this intensive course of learning, practice, observation and assessment offered by the Kansas Leadership Center

Certification Date:
January 2, 2024

On behalf of the Kansas Leadership Center,

Dr. V. Kaye Monk-Morgan
Kaye Monk-Morgan
President and CEO

Julia Fabris McBride
Julia Fabris McBride
Chief Leadership Development Officer

**OZ MUSEUM AND COLUMBIAN THEATRE FOUNDATION
ACHIEVES SERVICE ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION**



In July 2024, the Kansas Volunteer Commission notified the Oz Museum and Columbian Theatre Foundation that it was the 10th nonprofit in the state to become Service Enterprise Accredited! The Service Enterprise program is administered by ALIVE (Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement) strengthens nonprofit capacity through the fundamental and strategic use of volunteers and their skills to address community needs, according to volunteeralive.org.

A Service Enterprise is an organization that strategically leverages volunteers to achieve operational efficiency and more significant social impacts.

Research conducted by the TCC Group, a national program and evaluation firm, found that organizations operating as Service Enterprises outperform peer organizations on all aspects of organizational effectiveness and are more adaptable, sustainable, and capable of scaling their work. 80% of Service Enterprise organizations report increased volunteer and skill-based volunteers. The Service Enterprise program is a national change management program that helps organizations gain a greater return on volunteer investment to better achieve their mission.

- For more information regarding Service Enterprise, please contact: volunteer@ksde.org

2024 MINI GRANT SERIES

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Guidelines and Application release dates

ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE PRACTICE FOR MENTORING

Releases: 1/05/2024

YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Releases: 2/09/2024

JUNETEENTH NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Releases: 3/22/2024

SOCIAL JUSTICE CAPACITY BUILDING

Releases: 4/26/2024

RURAL & INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Releases: 5/31/2024

9/11 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Releases: 7/05/2024

MLK NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Releases: 10/04/2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mission of Managers of Volunteer Engagement (M.O.V.E.) is to build and engage a network of volunteer managers and cultivate a volunteerism culture.

M.O.V.E.

Meets the Third Wednesday of Each Month

9:00 to 10:00 AM

To learn more, please visit www.moveks.org.

Or reach out via [Facebook](#).

M.O.V.E. Kansas

Statewide-Virtual

Meets the Fourth Thursday of Each Month

9:00 to 10:00 AM

To learn more, please email

mpearson@uwkawvalley.org

Volunteer Managers Network

United Way of the Plains

2023 Dates T.B.D.

12:00 to 1:00 PM

To learn more, please email Abel Frederic

afrederic@unitedwayplains.org

Volunteers United: Newton

Meets the Fourth Thursday of Each Month

12:00 to 1:00 PM

To learn more, please email Dalton Black

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NOTE: The above dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

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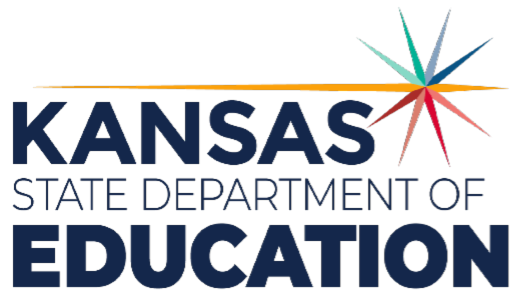
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