

## Welcome to Learn and Serve America in the Land of Lincoln

Learn and Serve America is a federally funded grant program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), for schools, higher education institutions, and community-based organizations participating in the Service Learning movement.

In 2006, Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn assumed responsibility for the Illinois' Learn and Serve America program - providing three-year-continuation grants to school districts seeking to create or expand **service-learning** opportunities with our young people.

### What is Service-Learning?

“Service-learning is a tool which allows students to become actively engaged in their studies as well as leaders in their communities,” Lt. Governor Pat Quinn said. “By linking public service to the academic curriculum, students grow into real world problem solvers and I look forward to working with you to expand service learning in Illinois.”

Service-learning offers a concrete opportunity for students from kindergarten to high school across the Land of Lincoln to get involved in their communities in a tangible way by integrating meaningful service projects with classroom learning.

Students not only learn about democracy and citizenship, they become actively contributing citizens through lending their voice and public service they perform.

The Office of Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn has partnered with the Illinois Resource Center (IRC) to provide training and technical assistance for recipients of the Illinois K-12 School-Based Learn and Serve grants. These grants, which are determined by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Office of Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn, foster the growth of service learning - a curriculum-based pedagogical method that is rapidly gaining acceptance across the nation.

During the 2008 Learn and Serve America program year, more than **52,341** students grades K-12 participated in service-learning throughout Illinois.

Educators have applied Service-learning across all subjects and grade levels, as Service-learning can involve a single student or multiple students, a classroom or an entire school. Students engaged in Service-learning build character and become active participants as they work with others in their school and community to develop service projects in areas like education, public safety and the environment.

There are many high quality models of service learning occurring all throughout the Land of Lincoln. To learn how you can become part of the service learning movement in a community and local school district near you, visit our website [www.serveandlearn.org](http://www.serveandlearn.org).

## Learn and Serve Grantees

- ❖ Alden-Hebron School District 19
- ❖ Berwyn South School District 100
- ❖ Bond, Effingham, Fayette ROE 3
- ❖ Bushnell-Prairie City CUS District 170
- ❖ Calhoun Community Unit School District 40
- ❖ Cambridge Community Unit School District 227
- ❖ Carmi-White County CUS District 5
- ❖ Charleston Community Unit School District 1
- ❖ City of Chicago School District 299
- ❖ Community Unit School District 300
- ❖ DeKalb County Regional Office of Education 16
- ❖ Iroquois West Community Unit School District 10
- ❖ Iroquois-Kankakee ROE 32
- ❖ Jackson Perry Regional Office of Education
- ❖ Lake Forest Community High School District 115
- ❖ Lewistown School District 97
- ❖ Mannheim School District 83
- ❖ Matteson Elementary School District 162
- ❖ Monroe/Randolph ROE 45
- ❖ Mount Vernon City School District 80
- ❖ Mount Vernon Township High School District 201
- ❖ New Trier High School District 203
- ❖ Newark Community High School District 18
- ❖ North Cook Intermediate Service Center
- ❖ North Shore School District 112 (Highland Park)
- ❖ Northern Suburban Special Education District
- ❖ Park Forest/Chicago Heights School District 163
- ❖ Peoria County Regional Office of Education 48
- ❖ Plainfield School District 202
- ❖ Pontiac Community Consolidated District 429
- ❖ Rural Champaign County Special Education Dist.
- ❖ Sangamon County ROE 51
- ❖ School District U-46 (Elgin)
- ❖ South Cook Intermediate Service Center 4
- ❖ Special Education District of Lake County
- ❖ Sterling Community Unit School District 5
- ❖ Thornton Township High School District 205
- ❖ Township High School District 113
- ❖ Wabash Community Unit School District 348
- ❖ Waukegan Township School District 60
- ❖ West 40 Intermediate Service Center 2
- ❖ West Northfield School District 31

“Service Learning can be defined as a teaching method where guided or classroom learning is deepened through service to others in a process that provides structured time for reflection on the service experience and demonstration of the skills and knowledge acquired.”

- Cathyrn Berger Kaye



For more information please visit our Resource Center at [www.ServeandLearn.org](http://www.ServeandLearn.org)

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