



Opening Doors Newsletter

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Expansion of Inclusion Management

The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009 calls for Corporation programs and volunteer sectors to affirm opportunities for Americans of all ages with disabilities to serve. The Corporation has tasked the Disability Coordinator's, 2010 inclusion management, to include Learn and Serve and Senior Corps programs. I will be attending a Trainer Development Institute in Albuquerque, NM, December 7th-9th, to study how to effectively develop the capacity of inclusion responsibilities. The National Service Inclusion Project will provide institute materials that I will be able to bring back and share within our National Service programs and utilize to support the vision and efforts of inclusion management. The Citizen Corps Special Needs manager will also be attending the training to coordinate spontaneous volunteer, senior citizen and special population efforts through the Office of Community Service.



Web Accessibility Overview

The use of the internet has enhanced the dissemination of communication. Under Section 508, National Service programs receiving funding from state and/or federal governments are required to provide reasonable access to all electronic and information technologies. Web accessibility means that people with disabilities can navigate, interact and contribute to the web. Website accessibility also benefits others experiencing barriers. The following resources may be of assistance in using techniques and technologies to make it possible for anyone with a disability to access information on your website. Please make sure that your web manager is aware of the guidelines under Section 508.

- <http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/website-design-tips>
- [DBTAC-Pacific ADA Center](#)
- www.section508.gov
- www.uiaccess.com/books.html
- <http://www.w3.org/WAI/>

"It is a fine thing to have ability, but the ability to discover ability in others is the true test." Lou Holtz