



AmeriCorps State Programs

Serving in Indian Country September 2011 to June 2012

(Information provided by programs in semiannual progress reports)

Justice for Montanans Project

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- Northern Cheyenne Tribe (Northern Cheyenne Reservation) and Crow Nation (Crow Reservation)
 - Members serving with the Montana Legal Services Indian Law Specialty conducting initial assessment of clients legal needs and eligibility for public services.
 - Members provide legal information and resources to tribal members
 - Members travel to the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Reservations every other week to conduct initial assessment of clients legal needs and eligibility for public services.
 - Members ensure clients have provided the necessary information to connect them with the correct legal information and resources.
- Chippewa Cree Tribe (Rocky Boy Reservation), Gros Ventre & Assiniboine Tribes (Fort Belknap Reservation), and Blackfeet Tribe (Blackfeet Indian Reservation)
 - Members serving with the Supreme Court Self-Help Law Program provide legal information and resources through the Great Falls based self-help law center.
 - Two members frequently travel to Cut Bank, Havre, Malta, and Glasgow with routes through the Rocky Boy and Fort Belknap Reservations to assist tribal members with finding the correct legal information and resources.

Montana Energy Corps

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- Chippewa Cree Tribe (Rocky Boy Reservation), Gros Ventre & Assiniboine Tribes (Fort Belknap Reservation), and Blackfeet Tribe (Blackfeet Indian Reservation)
 - Members coordinated and held energy fairs and weatherization events reaching over 200 individuals.
 - Members serving in schools and tribal colleges teaching students about renewable emergency and energy efficiency.
- Blackfeet Tribe (Blackfeet Reservation)
 - Member is serving with Browning public schools to establish and build upon recycling programs.
 - Member is organizing summer camps for kids to learn about renewable energy around the state.
- Four tribal members are serving with Energy Corps, two of whom are returning members.

Young Adult Service Corps (YASC)

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- Northern Cheyenne Tribe (Northern Cheyenne Reservation)
 - Members serving in leadership roles at with the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Cheyenne after school program, helping younger students and with Club related activities, such as powwows, funerals, and other community events.
- Outreach and collaboration activities, by staff, to organizations and schools that serve and engage youth from on or near Indian reservations. Contacts include public and faith based High Schools, Boys & Girls Clubs the Montana Wyoming Tribal Youth Leadership Council, and the Office of Public Instruction's Schools of Promise.
- Staff met with the Crow Agency Tribal Education Office at Crow Agency in Montana.

Montana Conservation Corps

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- Chippewa Cree Tribe (Rocky Boy Reservation), Gros Ventre & Assiniboine Tribes (Fort Belknap Reservation), and Blackfeet Tribe (Blackfeet Indian Reservation)
 - Planning trail work for spring/summer 2012 and followed up on recruitment materials dropped off for veterans.
 - Members weatherized homes through the Warm Hearts/Warm Homes project.
 - Outreach in Browning for you crew members.
 - Tribal member returning to serve a second term with the summer youth crew.
- Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana
 - Met with James Parker Shield and Ory Sparks regarding tribal building and MCC assisting in renovation and enhancing landscaping (picnic tables, benches, etc)
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe (Northern Cheyenne Reservation) and Crow Nation (Crow Reservation)
 - Conducted recruitment at Lodge Grass High School for summer youth crews.
 - Members weatherized homes through the Warm Hearts/Warm Homes project.
 - Staff met with Tribal Leader, Gordon Belcourt, to discuss the veteran program.
 - Outreach for the veterans crew and summer youth programs.
 - Members weatherized homes through the Warm Hearts/Warm Homes project.
- Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (Fort Peck Reservation)
 - Plan to contact Tribal Leaders regarding vet crews working at CMR.
 - Members weatherized homes through the Warm Hearts/Warm Homes project.
- Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Flathead Reservation)
 - Meeting with staff and Human Resources to explore summer youth/young adult crew options and veteran recruitment.
 - Members weatherized homes through the Warm Hearts/Warm Homes project.

Montana Campus Corps

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- Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes: Aaniiih Nakoda College (Fort Belknap Reservation)
 - Members focused on education and financial literacy
 - Members are serving with Jump Start Academy, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, and Opportunity Link.
- Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes: Fort Peck Community College (Fort Peck Reservation)
 - Members focused on education, youth mentoring, community health, and hunger initiatives.
 - Members are serving with Basket of Hope (food bank), Boys and Girls Club of Fort Peck, Daya Tibi Wellness Centers in Poplar and Wolf Point, Fort Peck Elder Program, Fort Peck Tribal Library, Poplar Public Schools, Service Learning office, and the Wolf Point Community Library.
- Chippewa Cree Tribe: Stone Child College (Rocky Boy Reservation)
 - Members focused on education, youth mentoring, and financial literacy.
 - Members are serving with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Opportunity Link, and Rocky Boy's Head Start.
- Salish and Kootenai Tribes: Salish Kootenai College (Flathead Reservation)
 - Members focused on community health
 - Members are serving with Clark Fork Valley Hospital, K. William Harvey Elementary, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Polson Middle School, St. Luke's Extended Care Facility, Salish Kootenai College Childcare, St. Patrick's Hospital, Village Health Care Center, Montana State VA Group, and Community Medical Center (CMC).

Big Sky Watershed Corps

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- Not currently serving in Indian Country

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- Not currently serving in Indian Country