



# About City Year



City Year is an education-focused, nonprofit organization that partners with public schools to help keep students in school and on track to graduate. City Year AmeriCorps members commit to a year of full-time service in schools, where they work as tutors, mentors and role models. Founded in Boston in 1988, City Year works in 24 cities across the United States and has international affiliates in London and Johannesburg, South Africa.

## Who We Serve

More than one million students give up on school each year – and 50 percent of those dropouts come from just 12 percent of schools. City Year AmeriCorps members serve where the need is greatest. Of the 238 schools we serve, three quarters are among the lowest performing five percent in their state.

## How We Work

**Partner with public schools.** We work in partnership with school districts to support their goals and provide additional support – the human capital – required to make a difference with students who are at risk of dropping out. City Year corps members serve full-time in grades 3 through 9.

**Target high-need schools and students.** Research shows that students who are at the highest-risk to drop out can be identified as early as sixth grade. Corps members receive more than 300 hours of professional training to intervene based on three early warning indicators, the ABC's – poor attendance, behavior, and course failure in math and English.

**Harness the power of young people.** City Year hires and trains diverse teams of young adults – 17 to 24 year olds – to give a year of full-time service in schools. Younger than the teachers but older than pupils, corps members are uniquely positioned to form a strong bond with students and help them succeed. Corps members provide at least 1,700 hours of service each year.

## Our Model: Whole School, Whole Child

City Year's school-based model is called Whole School, Whole Child. Corps members tutor students identified as at-risk of dropping out, serve as an additional resource for teachers in classrooms, and lead afterschool programs and school-wide initiatives to improve school culture. Each school where we serve has at least one team of 8-12 corps members, instantly increasing the ratio of adults: children in the building.

## City Year by the Numbers (2012-2013 school year)

24 Cities  
238 Schools  
2,500 corps members  
150,000 students

City Year has earned Charity Navigator's highest rating since 2003, certifying our commitment to accountability, transparency and responsible fiscal management. Only 1% of charities have received this distinction for eight consecutive years, placing City Year among the most trustworthy nonprofits in America.



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