



2010 Team Up Michigan! Cross-Stream Conference Recap October 12 & 13, 2010 Detroit, Michigan



More than 160 national service program staff from AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve, and Senior Corps joined together on October 12th and 13th in Detroit for **Team Up Michigan! Charting the Course for National Service**. This two-day cross-stream conference offered a variety of professional development workshops, extensive networking opportunities, and time to learn about critical issues facing Michigan and the national service community. This event was jointly sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) – Michigan State Office and the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC).

Keynote Speakers

The 2010 *Team Up Michigan!* conference featured four keynote speakers who set the tone for collaboration and challenged participants to be leaders in the service movement. They included:

- **Patrick Corvington – CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service**

Mr. Corvington discussed the value of Michigan's national service community, stressing the importance of cross-stream collaboration when tackling challenging issues. He also emphasized the need to demonstrate impact through evaluation, data, and outcomes.



- **Alex Ritzema – Motivational Humorist**

Mr. Ritzema talked about the art of "CollaborAction" and led participants through interactive exercises that allow groups to build on strengths and generate synergy. These included the "Yes, and..." activity, which can be used to develop collaborative ideas.



- **Steve Culbertson – President & CEO of Youth Service America**

Mr. Culbertson discussed the impact young people can have on our communities at this particular moment – as opposed to a later date in the future. His inspiring words got the crowd thinking about how national service programs can prepare to engage youth, starting at the age of five.

- **Duncan Wyeth – Executive Director of the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns**

Mr. Wyeth helped participants celebrate inclusion and realize the benefits of engaging people with disabilities in service. His personal experience with advocating for disability issues allowed him to share his expertise and motivate others to view inclusion from a different perspective.

Individual Stream Meetings

Following the breakfast plenary on October 13th, the different streams of service convened separately to focus on stream-specific training and individual program updates. The groups came back together at lunch for the Celebration of Inclusion and conference closing.

Professional Development Opportunities

The MCSC's ultimate goal is to establish Michigan as the state that best exemplifies the unique role national service can play in building a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. Developing strong program staff is essential to this goal.

Team Up Michigan! offered a variety of dynamic workshops, including:

- *Making the Case for National Service*
- *Anatomy of a High Performing Advisory Board*
- *Waiting for National Service: Defining Our Role in Supporting Education*
- *Battling Burnout: The Art of Good Fire Management*
- *Three is a Crowd: Accommodating Large Numbers of Volunteers for Projects and Events*
- *Greening National Service*
- *Working Effectively With All "Types" of People on Your Organizational Team*
- *What You Need to Know About Days of Service*
- *Improving Your "Node-Itude"*
- *CollaborAction*



Each of these workshops offered participants the opportunity to gain critical knowledge necessary for success in their respective programs.



Cross-stream Collaboration & Networking

Team Up Michigan! provided a venue for programs to exchange ideas and establish new partnerships with programs focusing on similar issue areas or serving in the same community. During the session titled *All Hands On Deck! Exploring New Collaborative Opportunities*, participants were strategically seated by region at tables with staff from other streams of national service. Each table focused on service as a solution to current pressing community issues, identifying strategies for effective collaboration.

Additional networking opportunities included the teambuilding *Treasure Hunt* and *Deck Party Networking Reception*. Both of these activities energized the crowd and served as a way for participants to get to know one another.

Thank You!

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