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Volunteer Mississippi appreciates your support of National Service Programs in our great state! We look forward to working with you and seizing opportunities for growth together.

So, what's going on this February?

PROGRAM DIRECTOR TRAINING: March 2-3, 2020

The Spring Program Director Training will be held March 2-3 at the [Table 100 Conference Center](#) in Flowood, MS. Anyone making financial decisions (including the Program Director and Financial Staff) for your program is REQUIRED to attend. Please register [HERE](#).

Kris Tecce will facilitate the training on all things financial, increasing community impact, and team building. We will begin promptly at 10:00am on Monday, March 2 and wrap up at 5:00pm, with dinner to follow. Tuesday will begin at 9:00am and finish around 3:30pm.

Please bring along your:
19-20 Budget and Budget Narrative,
Work towards your 20-21 Application Budget,
January 2020 Reimbursement,
Updated Contact List,
and a calculator.

ON3LEARN COURSES: Please take the *Understanding the AmeriCorps Budget - Part I* and *Understanding the AmeriCorps Budget - Part II* On3Learn courses prior to the March 2-3 Training. Use MSSTAFF17 in checkout. If you "purchase" these courses but do not take it prior to the training, we will invoice

you accordingly. If you need assistance logging in, please email acms@ihl.state.ms.us

PEARL RIVER FLOODING:

If you have staff, members, beneficiaries, or service sites that are affected by the recent floods, please let us know!

UPDATING PROGRAM CONTACT INFO:

If you have any changes, additions, or deletions to your program's contacts, please bring an updated contact list with you to the March 2-3 Training. Your contacts should include all individuals related to the grant, and include full name, email address, phone number, and mailing address.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES:

If you see that your program will have unexpended funds remaining at the end of the service year, consider sending your program and financial staff to [ASC Regional Training Conference](#)! This conference provide service professionals the tools needed to effectively manage AmeriCorps and other volunteer-driven programs making a difference throughout the country. Workshop tracks include AmeriCorps Program Management 101 & 201, AmeriCorps Fiscal & Grants Management, Volunteer Engagement, and more! If you're interested in attending just shoot an email to acms@ihl.state.ms.us, and we'll send you a registration discount code.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

CNCS recently [published](#) a "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" regarding National Service Criminal History Checks for public comment in the Federal Register. Major changes included mandatory CNCS-approved vendor use, eliminating particular NSCHC requirements, requiring three-part checks for everyone, requiring all check to be completed prior to service, and more. If you would like to share your thoughts on these changes, please use the formal comment process on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) before the March 9, 2020 deadline.

UPCOMING DATES & REMINDERS:

Mar 2-3: Program Director Training (Flowood)

Mar 9: Formula Application Due

Mar 8-14: AmeriCorps Week

April 19-25: National Volunteer Week

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