



Friends of Job Corps Caucus

To heighten the awareness of and appreciation for Job Corps among policymakers, administration decision-makers and the public.

.....:What is the Friends of Job Corps Caucus? :.....

The Friends of Job Corps Caucus brings together a diverse and bipartisan group of U.S. House members to serve as a unified voice for the thousands of economically disadvantaged youth Job Corps serves annually. The Caucus draws attention to the integral role Job Corps plays in the economic well-being of local communities, youth and U.S. taxpayers

Since the Job Corps Caucus was established in 2006, it has become one of the largest and most influential congressional member organizations for disadvantaged youth on Capitol Hill.

What does the Caucus do?

The goals and objectives of the Caucus include:

- Education through congressional briefings and alerts on current and emerging Job Corps issues
- Communication by initiating a productive dialogue about the quality and effectiveness of services Job Corps provides to thousands of at-risk youth each year
- Facilitation of effects among Members, employers, youth service providers, and private-sector leaders to strengthen Job Corps' impact on America's youth
- Enhancement of legislative advocacy toward protecting and strengthening Job Corps

Previous activities include:

- Coordinating congressional member visits to Job Corps centers across the nation, as well as visits to Member offices located in D.C.
- Sponsoring Job Corps' National Commencement Day, which recognizes the 50,000 graduates who complete the program in the 126 centers across the nation each year
- Hosting the Job Corps Works! Reception on Capitol Hill to connect members of Congress and staff to Job Corps students and supporters from their district

What is Job Corps?

Job Corps is the nation's largest and most successful academic remediation and career preparation program for economically disadvantaged youth.

Each year 50,000 high school dropouts, homeless young adults, young parents and students with learning disabilities enroll in Job Corps. It provides these youth with the tools they need to start a successful career and become financially independent.

The 126 Job Corps centers across the nation have helped nearly 3 million disadvantaged young Americans and annually employ more than 15,000 people which results in more than \$2 billion in economic activity across the country.

More than **80%** of Job Corps graduates are **employed, enlisted in the military, or enrolled in higher education within 6 months** of graduation from Job Corps!

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