



## AmeriCorps Positions in Southwest Colorado

LEAD AGENCY: SOUTHERN UTE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS  
AND  
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### Basic information

Overall program name: *Energize La Plata* (for La Plata County)

Number of work sites and AmeriCorps positions: 9 (6 FT, 3 PT)

Locations: La Plata County, City of Durango, Town of Ignacio

### How to apply

Send resume and cover letter (email is OK) to [ptregillus@sucap.org](mailto:ptregillus@sucap.org). (This is in addition to signing up on the AmeriCorps web site.)

In your cover letter/email, please state

- which position(s) you wish to apply for (listings and descriptions below)
- why you are interested in the position
- what you have to offer now
- what you hope to gain from the AmeriCorps experience
- any questions you have

### What to know about La Plata County, Colorado

#### Pros

- Very involved community
- Many people volunteer
- Major push for positive youth development, from the top down and the bottom up
- Major scenic beauty
- Excellent weather much of the time
- Near public lands
- Many outdoor recreational activities
- Good public transportation (Durango and Ignacio)
- Bike paths in Durango

#### Cons

- High cost of living (see “housing”, below)
- Non profits and local government struggling in the recession (for the moment, like every place else)
- Not close to an interstate highway

## **Links**

La Plata County: <http://co.laplata.co.us/>  
Children Youth and Family Master Plan: <http://www.childrenyouthandfamily.org/>  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe: <http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/>  
SUCAP: [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)  
Southern Ute Head Start: <http://www.sucap.org/headstart/index.html>  
SUCAP Youth Services: <http://www.sucap.org/youthservices/index.html>  
Healthy Lifestyle La Plata: <http://www.healthylifestylelaplata.org/>  
Big Brothers Big Sisters: <http://www.bbig.org/bbbs/site/home.htm>  
Region 9 Economic Development District: <http://www.scan.org/>  
Lasso Tobacco Coalition: <http://sjbhd.org/en/tobacco-prevention>  
Durango Tourism Office: <http://www.durango.org/>  
Durango Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.durangobusiness.org/>  
Durango Herald (newspaper): [www.durangoherald.com](http://www.durangoherald.com)

## **AmeriCorps positions**

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Opportunity Name	Member job	Site contact info	Dates (start and end dates are somewhat flexible)
<b>Positions working with youth or ;public policy regarding youth</b>			
Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club	Part-time (900 hours) Organize, direct and supervise youth activities for school-age children (ages 8-14). Recruit and train volunteers. Team-oriented environment in a terrific facility.	Jenn Bartlett <a href="mailto:jbartlett@southern-ute.nsn.us">jbartlett@southern-ute.nsn.us</a>	Ap deadline: 10/23/2009 Total hours: 900 Start: 11/09
Lasso Tobacco Coalition	Full-time (1,700 hours)	Char Day char@sjbhd.org	Ap deadline: 10/23/2009 Total hours: 1,700 Start:
Southern Ute Head Start New Home	Full-time (1,700 hours) Develop business skills while helping children and families. Help prepare a capital campaign to build a new home for one of the highest performing Head Start programs in Indian Country. Gather information for cost estimates. Research potential donors. Organize efforts of local volunteers to request donations. Training and supervision provided	Peter Tregillus <a href="mailto:ptregillus@sucap.org">ptregillus@sucap.org</a>	Ap deadline: 10/23/2009 Total hours: 1,700 Start: 11/09
Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW Colorado	Part-time (900 hours) Help recruit and manage volunteer mentors for children and youth. Conduct community outreach through business, church, and civic presentations and social events. Monitoring school / site program sessions; assist with case management. Research youth development opportunities, trainings and life skills. Help with fundraising efforts.	Christy Shaerer <a href="mailto:christy@bbig.org">christy@bbig.org</a>	Ap deadline: 10/23/2009 Total hours: 900 Start: 12/1/2009

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Ignacio Teen Center	<p>Full-time (1,700 hours)</p> <p>The AmeriCorps member will work to develop the capacity of young people to get things done. All results come from relationships, so members will first get to know youth within the Teen Center, which is the base of operations. Under the guidance of staff, the member will identify youth with leadership potential, work with them to create pro-social activities, including recreation and service learning, and guide them in carrying out events and activities. Members will periodically supervise the teen center, visit classrooms in grades 7-12, help organize and lead activities in nearby communities or in the surrounding public lands (mountainous), attend meetings, create flyers and written materials, and document activities through written reports and visual media.</p>	<p>Chantel Justice  <a href="mailto:cjustice@sucap.org">cjustice@sucap.org</a></p>	<p>Ap deadline: 10/23/2009  Total hours: 1,700  Start: 11/09</p>
Healthy Lifestyles La Plata	<p>Part-time (900 hours)</p> <p>Community health promotion. 16-20 hours per week (900 hours total) carrying out Healthy Lifestyles La Plata projects, activities, events. Task assignments include: Participation in the coalition activities, programs, projects and events; Attend all HLLP coalition and subcommittee meetings; take minutes; Update and create new pages for the HLLP website; Conduct literature and website research on healthy eating and active living; Help create and implement a community-based social marketing and branding campaign for HLLP and LiveWell CO</p>	<p>Janine Justice  <a href="mailto:jjustice@sucap.org">jjustice@sucap.org</a></p>	<p>Ap deadline: 10/23/2009  Total hours: 900  Start: 11/09</p>

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Children Youth and Family Master Plan	Full-time (1,700 hours) Be part of the team implementing a major community planning effort to support children, youth and families in La Plata County, Colorado. The Americorps member will provide administrative support to the CYFMP Transition Team and the La Plata County 4H program in order to implement objectives and recommendations of the CYFMP. Duties may include, but are not limited to: coordinating and facilitating meetings, organizing events, communicating by email, by phone and in person, developing and making presentations, taking meeting minutes, performing follow up tasks after meetings, writing articles or press releases, preparing reports and grant applications, designing and preparing brochures, assisting non-profit organizations and businesses to become developmentally attentive organizations, conducting community outreach and education.	Joanne Spina  Please initiate contacts through Peter Tregillus through <a href="mailto:ptregillus@sucap.org">ptregillus@sucap.org</a>	Ap deadline: 10/23/2009 Total hours: 1,700 Start: 11/09

More below

**Regional issues; Public Transit Marketing and Development**

<p>Regional Council of Governments Development</p>	<p>This is a rare opportunity for an ambitious and energetic person to have close working contact with leaders in county and municipal government across five- counties. Make lots of phone calls to identify and enlist stakeholders in an area the size of Massachusetts. Attend meetings and write summaries. Develop and maintain a transit coordinating council leading to resource and equipment efficiency in use. Develop, generate and disseminate resources to towns seeking to revitalize downtown areas. Get in on the ground floor of regional collaboration in a beautiful location.</p>	<p>Laura Lewis <a href="mailto:laura@scan.org">laura@scan.org</a></p>	<p>Ap deadline: 12/1/2009 Total hours: 1,700 Start: 1/4/2010</p>
<p>SUCAP Services Outreach and Marketing</p>	<p>Support public transi, reduce greenhouse gases and save the planet. The AC member will, under direction of staff, plan and carry out marketing activities designed to increase client access to services and programs operated Southern Ute Community Action Programs (SUCAP), a large non-profit in Ignacio, Colorado. One task is to increase public transit ridership by persons under age 18 to increase access to community resources including education and employment. This would involve finding mechanisms to get the word out, exploring social networking technology, working with the schools, staffing public information tables, creating special promotions, developing links with employer organizations, developing partnerships with allied efforts (such as those seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions) and other tasks. The site seeks an</p>	<p>Peter Tregillus <a href="mailto:ptregillus@sucap.org">ptregillus@sucap.org</a></p>	<p>Ap deadline: 10/23/2009 Total hours: 1,700 Start: 11/09</p>

	articulate person with drive, imagination and strong written and verbal presentation skills. who enjoys making contact with people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds.		
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