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# Is Early Learning CORPS Right For You?

Empowering Michigan kids to reach their highest level of academic achievement in reading and math.

### WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE



#### Bi-Weekly Living Allowance \*Before Taxes

\$577.36



#### Student Loan Forbearance

Federal student loans may be put into forbearance during the service term and interest will be paid by the National Service Trust.



#### Segal AmeriCorps Education Award \$1,956.35



#### Health Insurance + Childcare Assistance

Full-Time members have access to medical, dental, and vision health insurance through MEC and may qualify for childcare cost assistance.

# WHAT YOU WILL DO

COMMIT TO A SEVEN MONTH SERVICE TERM FROM 10.21.24 TO 5.31.25

We rely on our interventionist for the whole term of service.

7.5 Hours Each Day,

**30 Hours Each Week** 

**450 Hours Total** 

per month

Monday-Thursday Half-day on Friday once

#### MEC TRAINING Initial two-week training

is required and paid. Some additional required and optional training will be available through the service term.

#### SERVE IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY

Spend the service term viewing your community through the lens of service with opportunities for additional service projects.

### MORE THAN JUST A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

At MEC, we're committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community. We understand the importance of providing support to individuals from historically underrepresented backgrounds. That's why we encourage some members to participate in affinity groups designed to offer guidance, understanding, and empowerment.

Additionally, we have a Member Support Fund in place to assist our members during unexpected financial challenges. Whether it's covering rent, groceries, or car repairs, we're here to ensure that our members can focus on their service and personal growth without added worries.











# Providing the Solution to Michigan's Education Crises

Michigan Education Corps is an AmeriCorps program that serves students age three through grade eight, ensuring each one has a chance to succeed. We do this because the facts don't lie—if a student is proficient in reading and math, the future looks a whole lot brighter for them.

## Why Serve With Us?

In partnership with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and Hope Network, MEC members can benefit from career exploration groups that provide guidance and support in planning the next steps after service.

During your time with MEC, you'll strengthen valuable transferable skills such as time management, organization, and data-driven decisionmaking.

For those seeking a career in education, MEC serves as a 'Tutor-to-Teacher' pipeline, helping pave the way for a rewarding career in education. Many of our AmeriCorps members use their service term to build strong relationships with local school districts, opening doors to potential employment opportunities.

#### **Credentialing Opportunities**



#### THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES (CDA) CREDENTIAL

In partnership with Vibrant Futures, any Early Learning Corps (ELC) Interventionist who serves the duration of the school year may opt to complete the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

### DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

Davenport University has been leveraging the benefits of the MEC experience and the College of Urban Education for the past two years. Interventionists who want to become educators are encouraged to consider Davenport's Certificate in Urban Education alternative route to teacher certification post-baccalaureate program. MEC service time can help with tuition reduction for this program through a combination of the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award and Davenport partnership tuition grants.

### **Ready to Serve?**

Application Deadline 9.22.2024



https://bit.ly/MECELC24

If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Ariel DuVal-Zinn <u>aduvalzinn@hopenetwork.</u> <u>org</u> 616-729-2805

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