

# Meeting the National Strategy Goal

## Growing the Respite Care Workforce through AmeriCorps Seniors

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# AmeriCorps Seniors Signature Programs



Foster Grandparent

RSVP

Senior Companion

# The Senior Companion Program



## Longitudinal Study

**The Question – Does the Senior Companion Respite Services Matter for the Health and Well-being of Caregivers?**

- Caregiver personal time
- Caregiver satisfaction with volunteer service and program
- Caregiver self-reported health





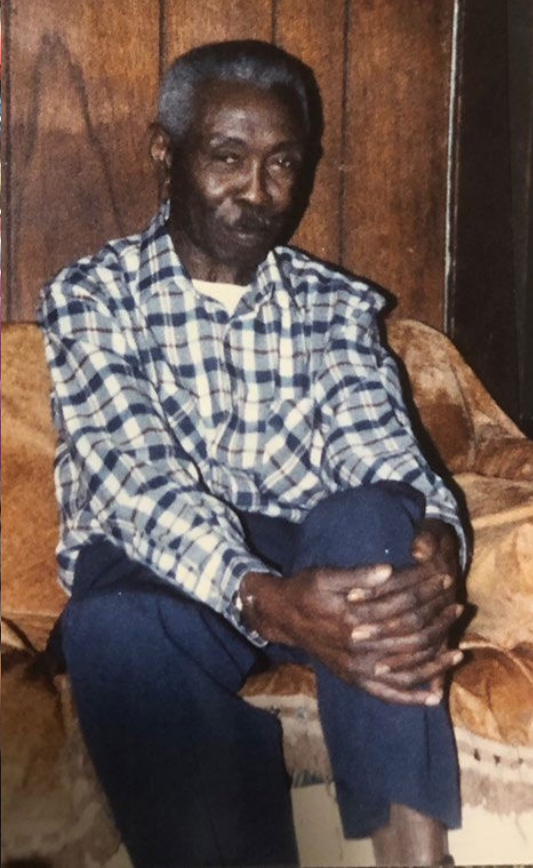
# AmeriCorps Senior's Demonstration Program

*Innovative projects that demonstrate how volunteers may contribute to national priorities*





# My Family Story







# The Model



**Professional & Paraprofessional Focus**

**Service Component**

**Training, Coaching, & Mentoring**

**Job Placement & Retention Supports**

**Removing Barriers to Participate**



Brookings Research



# Current Pilot Projects

## 2022 awardees – early pilot projects

- **Lifespan of Greater Rochester – Southern NY – respite professionals**
- New York City Department for the Aging - reflect the labor market, primarily in education, technology, social services, and emerging industries

## 2023 awardees – pilot projects

- National Council on Aging – WVA – healthcare professions
- Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission – legal and financial services positions
- Porter-Leath – Memphis, TN – early education careers
- HAP Foundation – five counties in Illinois – community health workers
- University of Chicago – clinical research assistants to assist with medical research

## Research

- University of Maine Center on Aging – Dr. Jennifer Crittenden



# National Strategy Commitments



**RAISE Council Participation**

**Awareness and Storytelling**

**Priorities and Service Activities**





# QUESTION & ANSWER



# AmeriCorps Seniors Programs, Funding Opportunities, and Current Grantee Locations



<https://americorps.gov/seniors>

