What's Next? Future Trends in Family and Community Services
Volunteering Remains Strong

In 2014:
- 62.6 million Americans volunteered
- 7.7 billion hours volunteered
- $173 billion estimated value of service

* Based on the Independent Sector's estimate of the average value of a volunteer hour - See more at: http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/#sthash.16mYDMAg.dpuf

The importance of volunteering has been recognized throughout history as one of the threads of our country that has held together the fabric of this nation and has strengthened the character of its citizens.

- Volunteer Growth in America, A Review of Trends Since 1974
  A Research Report in the Volunteering in America Series
  December, 2006
Volunteers

- Help fight poverty
- Mentor children in schools
- Provide health services
- Rebuild after disasters
- Strengthen the environment
- Support veterans and military families

Can you think of other things volunteers do?
In our community, where can each age group volunteer?

Silent generation?
Baby boomers?
Generation X?
Millennials?
Volunteering Provides Opportunities

For:

• Youth to develop valuable skills
• Older Americans to remain healthy by being active and connected to their community
• Adults to share their professional and work expertise

Volunteering is a way for individuals to help their neighbors and improve their community.
What do you think are the future trends of service?
On average, volunteers appear to live longer and have a greater functional ability and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer.
**Focus Areas**

- Disaster services
- Economic opportunity
- Education
- Environmental stewardship
- Healthy futures
- Veterans and military families

**Disaster services** - concerns regarding the preparation, mitigation, response and recovery efforts that relate to disaster events.

**Economic opportunity** - addresses unmet needs of economically disadvantaged individuals, including financial literacy, affordable housing and employment-related assistance.

**Education** - topics related to unmet educational needs within communities, especially those that help at-risk youth to achieve success in school and prevent them from dropping out.

**Environmental Stewardship** - matters regarding energy and water efficiency, renewable energy use, at-risk ecosystems and behavioral change leading to increased efficiency.

**Healthy Futures** - addresses unmet health needs, including access to health care, increasing physical activity and improving nutrition in youth and increasing seniors’ ability to remain in their own homes.

**Veterans and Military Families** - addresses unmet needs of veterans, members of the armed forces and family members of deployed military personnel.
National Service Works for America
This video explores three communities where CNCS, its grants and volunteer programs, have made a significant impact.
http://youtu.be/3C8uzT6IodU?list=PLZ54wDoDLX7cAjlze5irZH_5C6oi8Oa-M
Questions?

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References and Resources

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- Shutterstock™ Images: Photos obtained with subscription. (slides 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11)

Websites:
- Corporation for National and Community Service
  An independent federal agency, plays a vital role in supporting the American culture of citizenship, service and responsibility and is a leading grant maker in support of service and volunteering.
- United We Serve
  President Obama's nationwide service initiative, is built on the belief that ordinary people can come together and achieve extraordinary things when given the proper tools. This initiative aims to both expand the impact of existing organizations by engaging new volunteers in their work and encourage volunteers to develop their own "do-it-yourself" projects.
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