EVALUATION OF THE MINNESOTA READING CORPS Follow-Up Survey of Member Applicants

Consent Page:

Under contract with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), NORC at the University of Chicago is seeking to obtain information from members of the Minnesota Reading Corps program for the 2012-2013 school year. You are being asked to participate in this important study, the Evaluation of the Minnesota Reading Corps Program.

The information collected in the questionnaire is being requested by NORC and your data is protected under the Privacy Act of 1974 as amended. Under this Act, NORC is required to treat all information you provide as confidential. The information you provide will be used only for the purpose of analyzing data and preparing scientific reports and articles. Any information publicly released (such as statistical summaries) will be in a form that does not personally identify you. Your individual information will not be shared with the Minnesota Reading Corps or CNCS.

Your participation will be used to assess and identify areas for possible improvement to the Minnesota Reading Corps program. The information you provide will also be used to better understand the needs and experiences of AmeriCorps member applicants like you. Your response is voluntary and failure to provide some or all of the requested information will not in any way adversely affect you. Actual time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on your circumstances. On average, it will take approximately 20 minutes.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number is xxxx-xxxx for this study and approval expires on xx/xx/xxxx.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this study, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions at [INSERT LINK to Project Website where FAQs are listed]. For a detailed description of the study, you may refer to the Project Description at [INSERT LINK to Project Description]. For a detailed description of the organizations involved in this study, you may refer to the Description of Organizations at [INSERT LINK to Description of Organizations]. If you have further questions, please contact the study team at 1-800-XXX-XXXX or send an email to MRCEval@norc.uchicago.edu. For information on your rights as a research subject, please call the NORC Institutional Review Board administrator at 1-866-309-0542.

Again, thank you for your time and effort in completing this very important study on the Evaluation of the Minnesota Reading Corps Program.

To indicate your consent to begin the survey, please press the "BEGIN SURVEY" button below.

1.	During the 2012-13 school ye	ar, in which Minnesota Reading Corps pro	ogram did you/do you serve?
		 □ 1 Preschool (PreK) □ 2 Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade (K-3 	rd) (Skip to Question 2)
	1a. In which role	did you serve?	
2.	Do you have any of the follow	ving teaching credentials?	[New]
		□ 1 State teacher license (Skip to Que □ 2 National board certification (Skip □ 3 Other (Please specify) □ 4 None of the above	•
	1a. Do you plan	to obtain a teaching credential? 1 Yes 2 No	
3.	What is the highest level of ed (Please check one)	ucation you expect to complete?	[AC Longitudinal Survey]
	1	Some high school (Skip to question 4) High school diploma (Skip to question 4) High school equivalency diploma question 4) Vocational, trade, or business sche BA or MBA) Less than 2 years of college Two or more years of college (includin College degree (4- or 5-year degree) Master's degree or equivalent Ph.D., M.D., or other professional degree	a or certificate (GED) (Skip to nool after high school (not for a g 2-year degree)
	3a.	In what field? (Please check only one)	[New]
		☐ 1 Teaching children/adults ☐ 2 Social/community work ☐ 3 Law ☐ 4 Business ☐ 5 Health-related ☐ 6 Computer/technical/scientific ☐ 7 Environmental ☐ 8 Public safety ☐ 6 Agriculture	

		Other (Please specify)	
1.	What are you planning to do after you service? (Please check all that apply)		[AC Member Survey, modified]
	2 3 4	parents) (Skip to question 5)	iCorps program
	[If #4=	sector would you be working? 1 or 3] eck only one)	[New]
	1	Public Schools Other Government/public sector Private sector Non-profit sector (tax exempt, chariother (Please specify)	itable organization)
		t field? [Loop question: if 2,or 3] (Please check only	[AC Longitudinal Survey]
	1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 5 6 6 6 7 7 8 8 9 9 10 10 11 11	Law (Skip to question 5) Business (Skip to question 5) Health-related (Skip to question 5) Computer/technical/scientific (Skip Environmental (Skip to question 5) Public safety (Skip to question 5) Agriculture (Skip to question 5) Self Employed (Skip to question 5)	·

		4c.		t area do you plan t check only one)	to teach?			[Ne	w]
			1 2 2 3 3 4 5 5	Pre-kindergarten Elementary school Middle school High school College	ol				
5.		ate how strongly f the following s		or disagree		[MR	C Member	Survey,	modified
					Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
	a.	I am committee	d to volunt	eering in schools.					□ 5
	b.	I am committee childhood liter	d to ongoin		1		□ 3	4	□ 5
	с.	I am committee	d to commi	unity service.			□ 3		□ 5
	d.	-	vice as par the organi	t of its mission, I zation to include	 1	□ ₂	3		□ 5
5.				or disagree with e y should be define			AC Longitu	udinal Su	ırvey]
					Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
	a.	I have a strong community.	attachmen	t to my			□ 3		□ 5
	b.	I often discuss political and so community.		about how larger affect my			□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
	C.	I am aware of simportant need		e done to meet the mmunity.			□ 3		□ 5
	d.	I feel I have the difference in m					□ 3		□ 5
	e.	I try to find the positive differen					□ 3		□ 5

7.1	[<i>If #4</i> =1-5, 8, <i>or</i> 9] Please indicate whether you feel each of the following things is very important, somewhat important, or not important to you.			[AC Longitudinal Survey			
				Not Important	Some Impo		Very Important
	a.	Working to correct social and economic inequalities.				1 2	
	b.	Working in a job where I am of direct service people.	ce to	D ₁		l ₂	□ 3
	с.	Working in a profession involving children.				1 2	\square 3
	d.	Working in a teaching or education field.				l ₂	□ 3
7.2.	•	or 7] Please indicate whether you feel the folloportant, somewhat important, or not importan	_	Not Important	Some t Impo		Very Important
	a.	Working to correct social and economic inequalities.				l ₂	□ 3
8.	Below are a few statements about how some people feel about obtaining a job. For each statement, please indicate how true the statement is for you.			[New, based on Rotter's (1966) Locus of Control Scale]			
			Not at all true	Mostly not true	Neither true nor untrue	Mostly true	Very true
	a.	I feel confident in my ability to get a good job.	 1		□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
	b.	If I cannot get a good job, it is because people are not fair to people like me.			□ 3		□ 5
	c.	To get a good job I just have to try hard enough.	1		□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
	d.	Getting a job is a matter of hard work, luck has little or nothing to do with it.			□ 3		□ 5
	e.	Getting a good job depends mainly on being in the right place at the right time.			□ 3	□ 4	
	f.	The job opportunities I have in life are dependent on circumstances that I cannot control.		☐ ₂	□ 3		□ 5

9.	to accomplis	olish. Think sh each activ	vities that you, along with others, about how hard it would be for your vity. Assume that each of these is a set to accomplish.	ou to		AC Longiti	udinal Su	irvey]
	you reer i	3 worthwill	e to decomplish.		Would not be able to get this done	Might be able to get done	Would be able to get this done	
		a.	Getting the local government to pothole in my street.	fix a			□ 3	
		b.	Getting the local government to addition to the community center			□ ₂	□ 3	
		C.	Getting an issue on the ballot for statewide election. (Assume your allows this.)				 3	
		d.	Organizing an event to benefit a religious organization.	charity or				
		e.	Starting an after-school program children whose parents work.	for	□ ₁		 3	
		f.	Organizing an annual cleanup pr the local park.	ogram for		□ ₂	□ 3	
10.	Please inc	licate your a	greement with each of the followi	ng stateme	ents.	[MR	C Membe	er Survey]
						Neither Agree		
				Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
	a.	I felt welc site.	omed and part of the team at my			□ 3		□ 5
	b.	was we	nesota Reading Corps program ell integrated with other ons or initiatives on-going at my	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3		□ 5
	c.	I had suffrole at my	ficient materials to perform my site.	 1		□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
	d.	I had adeq	uate computer access at my site.			□ ₃		□ 5
	e.	I had adeq	uate workspace at my site.			□ 3		□ 5
	f.	I felt supp	orted by my Internal Coach.			□ 3		□ 5
	g.	I felt supp	orted by my Master Coach.			□ 3		
	h.	I knew wh	at was expected of me.			□ 3		
	i.		are of my progress in meeting equirements.			□ 3	□ 4	□ 5

					Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
	j.	My service and cor	ntributions w	vere valued	. 🗖 1		□ 3		□ 5
	k.	My experience w Corps matched my			ng 🗖 1		□ 3		□ 5
	l.	I had sufficient t assignment at the s	_	perform n	ny 🗖 1		□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
11.		f your overall Minne ence, how satisfied			owing:		[£	AC Membe	r Survey]
				Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied	N/A
a.	Gaining ar	n understanding of th	ne			□ 3		□ 5	□ 6
b.	Gaining ar	y where you served. n understanding of the on(s)/school(s) wher				□ ₃	□ 4	□ ₅	□ 6
c.	Establishii	ng a relationship wit	h your			□ 3		□ 5	□ 6
d.		oach. ng a relationship wit s/fellow members.	h your						□ 6
e.		services to the comm	nunity.	□ 1		 3		□ 5	□ 6
f.	Learning r					3		□ ₅	□ ₆
g.	The quality training.	y of onsite or option	al			\square 3			
h.		the needs of students	I worked			□ ₃			□ ₆
12.		considered, how satisesota Reading Corps			overall		[4	AC Membe	r Survey]
		1 2 3 3 4 D 5	Very Dissa Somewhat Satisfied Very Satis Extremely	: Dissatisfie fied	ed				

13.	Rea pro that asp	nding Corps service wa fessional experience? t resulted in a change of irations, and/or profess afirmed your beliefs, as	as ay that your Minnesotans a defining personal or A defining experience is or shift in your beliefs, sional goals or one that appraisance, and/or profess	sone	[AC Me modified	mber Surv 1]	ey,	
		1 2 2 3 3 4 4 3 3	Not at all defining Slightly defining Moderately defining Very defining Extremely defining					
14.		you think the Minneso affected you personall			et al, 2	based on fi 000 and M gs, 2002]		rom Hedrick ones, &
				Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
	a.	It helped me learn a and/or professionally	bout myself personally 7.			3		□ 5
	b.	I learned that tuto thought.	oring is harder than I			□ 3		□ ₅
	c.	I clarified my possi and career goals.	ble future educational			□ 3		□ 5
	d.	It helped me unde students learn.	erstand how different	□ 1		□ 3		□ 5
	e.	It helped me unders students.	stand how to motivate			□ 3		□ 5
	f.	It helped me learn ho	ow to be a better tutor.			□ 3		□ 5
	g.	I gained a greater myoung children how	nastery of how to tutor to read.			□ 3		□ 5
	h.		d developed a deeper school environment.			□ 3		□ 5
	i.	I gained a deep se helping others.	nse of satisfaction by			□ 3		□ 5
	j.	I gained a clearer se and solutions.	nse of social problems			□ 3		□ 5
	k.	I increased my sen social justice and soc	se of commitment to cial responsibility.			□ 3		□ 5
	1	It increased my design	so to bocomo a toachor	П	П.	Па	п.	П.

follo	se indicate your overall agreement with each owing statements about Minnesota Reading Co. C) program outcomes.		[MRC Member Survey, modified]				
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	
a.	Participation in the MRC program had a positive impact on me this school year.			3		□ 5	
b.	Participation in the MRC program had a positive impact on the site I served this school year.		D ₂	3	□ 4	□ 5	
C.	Participation in the MRC program had a positive impact on the students I served this year.		□ 2	3	1 4	□ 5	
d.	Participation in the MRC program had a positive impact on the teacher of the students I served this year.		Q 2	З	Q ₄	□ 5	
following sta	ths, please indicate how much you agree with	the					
	nements.	Strongly		Neither Agree Nor		Strongly	
	nements.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree		Agree	Strongly Agree	
a.	I felt that I made a contribution to the community.		Disagree 2	Agree Nor	Agree		
a. b.	I felt that I made a contribution to the	Disagree		Agree Nor Disagree	_	Agree	
	I felt that I made a contribution to the community. I re-examined my beliefs and attitudes	Disagree 1	□ 2	Agree Nor Disagree	_ 4	Agree 5	
b.	I felt that I made a contribution to the community. I re-examined my beliefs and attitudes about myself. I was exposed to new ideas and ways of	Disagree 1 1	□ ₂	Agree Nor Disagree 3	□ ₄	Agree 5	
b. c.	I felt that I made a contribution to the community. I re-examined my beliefs and attitudes about myself. I was exposed to new ideas and ways of seeing the world.	Disagree 1 1 1		Agree Nor Disagree 3	4	Agree 5	
b. c. d.	I felt that I made a contribution to the community. I re-examined my beliefs and attitudes about myself. I was exposed to new ideas and ways of seeing the world. I felt like part of a community.	Disagree 1 1 1 1		Agree Nor Disagree 3 3 3 3		Agree 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	
b. c. d. e.	I felt that I made a contribution to the community. I re-examined my beliefs and attitudes about myself. I was exposed to new ideas and ways of seeing the world. I felt like part of a community. I learned more about the "real" world. I felt I could make a difference in the life	Disagree 1 1 1 1 1		Agree Nor Disagree 3 3 3 3 3		Agree 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation.