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HARMONIZING NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR CAMPUS-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM UGA'S AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

ABSTRACT:

National service programs including AmeriCorps VISTA and AmeriCorps State can provide essential structure and support for key university-community partnerships. The University of Georgia's Community Food Fellows programs and VISTA network exemplify how AmeriCorps grants can effectively support community-identified needs harmonizing both capacity-building and direct service addressing local food insecurity. This presentation shares UGA's program models, funding, community partnerships, and outcomes, as well as lessons learned and recommendations for potential replication on other campuses.

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