

Calendar of Events

April 3, 2024
- April 30, 2024

NAVPLG Award Nominations are open!

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM PST

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NAVPLG Invites Nominations for 2024 Awards

Submission Period: OPENS April 3, 2024 - DEADLINE IS April 30, 2024

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR EXEMPLARY ADMINISTRATORS AND PROGRAMS:

Members, here is a great opportunity for you to be recognized by your national association, to bring credit to your program, or even to draw attention to another deserving individual/program. Nominations will open on April 3, 2024, and are due by April 30, 2024.

Outstanding Volunteer Administrator Award - presented to a NAVPLG member, recognizing qualities that include effective use of leadership skills, creative utilization of people, resources and opportunities, a strong sense of professional ethics, and an ability to mentor youth and/or peers.

New Volunteer Administrator Award - presented to a NAVPLG member or non-member who has been in their position serving local government for three years or less.

Innovative Program Award - honors the outstanding achievements of a member's government program in the creation and implementation of a program/service which utilizes volunteers to creatively serve both their local government and community.

Award of Merit - presented to a volunteer administrator or program at the discretion of the NAVPLG Board for their work in the field of volunteer administration. Membership is not required.

Rising to Excellence Award This is a special award that will be given by NAVPLG to recognize volunteer professionals or programs that have overcome great challenges (budget, staff, or leadership changes for example) and still found success.

April 17, 2024

Webinar: 5 STEPS TO BUILDING A STELLAR VOLUNTEER TEAM

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PST

5 STEPS TO BUILDING A STELLAR VOLUNTEER TEAM

Date: Wednesday April 17, 2024

Time: 11 am – 12 pm Pacific Daylight Time or 2 pm - 3 pm Eastern Daylight Time

This interactive class will cover the five elements of an effective volunteer program: recruiting, training, managing, program review and appreciation.

This is a hands-on workshop where you will be taking a close look at your own program and coming up with ways to make it better.

WHAT YOU'LL LEAVE WITH:

A clear understanding of the four ways to show volunteers appreciation;

Tips and tools to find and sign up enough of the right volunteers;

Useful guidelines for onboarding and training in such a way as to reduce or eliminate volunteer mistakes;

Ideas to make the day-to-day management of your program run smoothly; and

Steps for keeping your volunteer program improving year after year.

Presented by:

*Karen Knight,
Karen Knight Consulting*

April 17, 2024

NAVPLG Education Series: Sustainability for Your Volunteer Program

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Sustainability for Your Volunteer Program presentation will discuss successes and challenges along with lessons learned from the Fort Cavazos Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division, current initiatives with the Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities Partnership, the role of the military in sustainability and environmental compliance, and tools used to spread awareness of the good news stories.

About the Presenter

Christine Luciano is an environmental outreach coordinator for the Fort Cavazos Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division. Since January 2006, she has helped Soldiers, civilians, and their families learn more about environmental and community stewardship and promoted environmental education and volunteerism through community and school events and partnerships. As a staff member of the Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities Partnership, she has assisted with developing the Youth Environmental Ambassadors! program and is working to evolve to include military involvement with the Adopt-A-School program. Leveraging social media and print publications along with the Cen-Tex Partnership, she helped to increase the visibility and impact of sustainability programs and initiatives beyond the Fort Hood footprint.

April 23, 2024

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual session using Zoom

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

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May 6, 2024

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Virtual session using Zoom

09:30 AM - 11:00 AM EST

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May 8, 2024

NAVPLG Board Meeting

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

The NAVPLG Board of Directors meet on the second Wednesday of every month.

May 15, 2024

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Virtual session using Zoom

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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Each year, millions of Americans interact with our criminal justice system. The vast majority of these individuals will be compelled to complete community service hours as a part of their sentence- often in exchange for reducing fines or avoiding incarceration. While originally well-intentioned, court-ordered service programs often place undue burdens on folks who live at the intersection of multiple marginalized identities. For those convicted of crimes and recently released from incarceration, their first foothold back into the community is often nonprofit organizations, and yet, the opportunities for volunteers with criminal records are quite limited, and the amount of mandatory hours often creates financial hardship.

In this session we will discuss the history of community service & diversion programs, the staggering economic value that these individuals provide to the third sector, concerns around exploitation of this compelled labor, and ways we can provide more meaningful community service to reduce recidivism rates.

In this training, you will learn:

Understand the historical context and evolution of court-ordered community service programs, including their initial intentions and their impact on individuals with intersecting marginalized identities.

Identify the economic and societal contributions of individuals completing court-ordered service, while exploring the ethical concerns regarding the potential exploitation of compelled labor within these programs, especially in light of the barriers returning community members face in seeking employment.

Explore actionable strategies and frameworks to create more meaningful, skill-building, and impactful community service opportunities, aiming to reduce recidivism rates and foster positive reintegration for individuals with criminal records.

Facilitators:

Bex Takacs-Britz (they/them/theirs) is a nonprofit strategist and inclusion advocate from Grand Rapids, Michigan. They hold a Bachelors of Science in public and nonprofit administration from Grand Valley State University. Professionally, Bex has spent the past decade focused on fund development for nonprofits spanning the entire US, from small shop to internationally-scaled organizations. They earned their CNP in 2021, their CFRE in 2022, and their ACNP in 2023. Outside of their day work, Bex is the President & founder of Welcome Home Neighbors, a community re-entry support program. Bex has a focused interest in creating inclusive and accessible workplaces and volunteer spaces.

Chris Boden is a passionate polymath with a storied life. He founded a little Makerspace that turned out to be kinda popular, wrote a few books, made a few videos that some people liked, survived being tossed into two different Federal prisons, and has lived a life through a lens throwing lightning bolts in front of thousands of people for decades. He's a professional weirdo and rational optimist who is trying to balance misanthropy with philanthropy

June 11, 2024

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual session using Zoom

07:00 AM - 08:30 AM EST

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June 27, 2024

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual session using Zoom

08:00 PM - 09:30 PM EST

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