



WHOM DO THE ACES SERVE?

ACE community partners include local homeless shelters, youth centers, schools, free medical clinics, food pantries, sustainability groups and disability support services, to name a few.

ACEs support the service-learning pedagogy of faculty in just about every IU school and many departments. The placement of hundreds of IU students in local agencies is facilitated by the ACEs each semester.

*Gracia Valliant,
ACE Community Partner, Templeton Elementary:*

“What do ACEs and service-learning students gain from the experience? Students learn that there is more to a community than just where they go to school or work. It is difficult to imagine our community without ACEs.”



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SERVICE-LEARNING, ADVOCACY, AND LEADERSHIP

ACEs
Advocates for Community Engagement



what is an ACE?

(Advocate for Community Engagement)

WHAT IS AN ACE?

The Advocates for Community Engagement (ACEs) are Indiana University undergraduates who serve as liaisons between service-learning students and local agencies and organizations. Each ACE serves with a specific agency for at least one year coordinating service-learning students and volunteers, communicating with faculty, and engaging in the daily life of the agency.

ACEs are an integral component of service-learning at IU, providing a link between faculty, students, and nonprofits. ACEs also help students reflect on the connections between their coursework, service and larger social issues.

The ACE program provides leadership development for students of diverse backgrounds and interests. Through the support of on-going training, professional conferences, and paid undergraduate assistantships, ACEs are challenged to achieve their own potential to serve and lead.

WHAT DOES AN ACE DO?

- ❖ Leads agency orientations
- ❖ Schedules and recruits service-learners and volunteers
- ❖ Facilitates reflection sessions
- ❖ Fosters partnerships between faculty and agencies
- ❖ Attends leadership trainings
- ❖ Builds community with other ACEs
- ❖ Participates in the daily life of the agency
- ❖ Serves as a leader for campus and community initiatives

ACE PROFILES

“What really strikes me about my ACE position is that I am gaining more valuable experience than any other college job could possibly allow. Yet the nature of our work and who we work with is so amazing that I don’t even really look at it as a job. It’s just part of what I do and who I am now.”

—Donnie Morgan, ACE, Boys and Girls Club
Political Science and History, c9

“As an ACE I have learned more about myself, my strengths and limitations as a leader, and the responsibility I can take in progressing social change now and in the future than I have learned in any classroom.”

—Anna Remenschneider, ACE, Big Brothers Big Sisters
International Studies and French, c9

“I can’t describe what it’s like to know that my work gives hope to people with nowhere to go and no one to take care of them. We don’t often get to be the solution in someone’s life, or in the life of a community. We don’t often get the privilege of making someone’s day go right.”

—Bryce Winingier, ACE, Volunteers in Medicine
Biology, c9