

Joe Bringardner

Executive Director



Joe Bringardner is the executive director for Serve Kentucky, the state's service commission, where he proudly oversees AmeriCorps programs with more than 1,000 members dedicating a year of their lives to service in their communities. He was appointed in 2013 and has now served under three governors. Under his leadership, Serve Kentucky has experienced one of the fastest and largest expansion of any state service commission in America, helping hundreds of nonprofit and faith-based organizations, school systems, and foundations innovate and build capacity in every corner of the commonwealth.

Growing up in the YMCA, Bringardner has a long and dedicated history with national service and leadership programs. He served as the state director of the Kentucky YMCA for 20 years, moving on to become the national technical advisor for youth development, service, and volunteerism at the YMCA of the USA. He created the YMCA Y-Corps program 25 years ago, which is now a national best in class service learning and civic engagement program, operating in 10 states and building hundreds of young servant leaders annually.

Bringardner, an AmeriCorps VISTA alumnus, has extensive experience in program development, public policy, and government relations, working with AmeriCorps commissioners and elected officials in dozens of states and in Washington, D.C. He enjoys outdoor adventure sports, trail runs with his dog Jackie Boy, and is involved in a number of boards and community organizations in his hometown of Louisville.

