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Improper National Sex Offender Public Website Checks Lead to Disallowed Costs

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CNCS-OIG received Hotline allegations that AmeriCorps members assigned to the Detroit Parent Network (DPN) Project Graduation AmeriCorps Program, Detroit, MI, were assigned service activities outside the scope of the grant and had displaced DPN staff as employees.

Our investigation found evidence to support the allegation and found DPN had some Americorps members performing service outside the scope of the grant. Additionally, while on-site, CNCS-OIG investigators found that 19 members served in the AmeriCorps program prior to completing the required National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) check.

CNCS management concurred that some members had performed questionable service and DPN had allowed members to serve before completing the required NSOPW background check and has disallowed \$28,000.

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