

### **KEYS members, host sites find their match**

On May 16, 80 new AmeriCorps KEYS (Knowledge to Empower Youth to Success) Service Corps members gathered at the Human Services Building (HSB) for the annual KEYS Meet and Greet.

The event's "speed date" format allowed each member to interact with 18 potential host sites for five-minute mini-interviews to discuss site activities, travel logistics and the members' relevant skills. At the end of each interview, the sites and the members ranked each other to help KEYS staff determine best fits. Nearly all members and host sites were assigned their top picks.

"The KEYS Meet and Greet is beneficial as it not only allows our host sites to get to know our members, but also provides members – many straight out of college – with an opportunity to practice networking skills and gain confidence. We've heard from past members that the Meet and Greet made them more comfortable in future interview settings and that they appreciated learning how to succinctly share their story with potential employers," said Kimmy Ferry, KEYS member development specialist.

The new class of AmeriCorps KEYS members will begin at their host sites on June 5 and will serve for 12 weeks. For more information about AmeriCorps KEYS, please contact [Kimberly.ferry@allegHENYcounty.us](mailto:Kimberly.ferry@allegHENYcounty.us).