

What Do AmeriCorps VISTAs Do?



The role of the VISTA member is to build the capacity and sustainability of the project and community, with a focus on reducing and alleviating poverty.

Indirect Service

VISTA members commit to indirect services such as:

- ❖ Recruit Volunteers
- ❖ Train Direct Service Providers
- ❖ Coordinate projects
- ❖ Engage in Public Speaking
- ❖ Write Press Releases
- ❖ Organize Fundraising Events
- ❖ Organize Task Forces/Coalitions
- ❖ Conduct Outreach

Capacity Building

VISTA work strengthens organizational development by creating:

- ❖ Forms, Volunteer Assignments, and Trainings
- ❖ Manuals and Curriculums
- ❖ Trainings for Trainers
- ❖ Procedures and Systems
- ❖ Speaker's Bureau, Press Kits, and Media Releases
- ❖ Grants and Databases
- ❖ Brochures and Posters

Sustainable Endeavors

VISTA members sustain the longevity of your organization by emphasizing tasks such as:

- ❖ Volunteer Policy and Procedure Handbook Support
- ❖ Develop Community Partnerships
- ❖ Volunteer Management
- ❖ Secure Media Partners
- ❖ Secure Project Staffing and Revenue Streams
- ❖ Create Infrastructure
- ❖ Create Project Evaluation Mechanisms

What AmeriCorps VISTA Members **Do NOT** Do

As a part of the commitment to VISTA service, AmeriCorps VISTA members may **not**:

- ❖ Perform direct service with clients such as case management or tutoring.
- ❖ Take the place of any current or past employee of any agency.
- ❖ Lobby, work on political campaigns or do anything of a political nature.
- ❖ Proselytize or conduct worship services of any type.
- ❖ Perform strictly clerical duties, i.e. act as receptionist.

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