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AmeriCorps*VISTA Tribal Projects

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) provides full-time volunteers to non-profits, community-based organizations, and public agencies to create and expand programs that bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty. Right now, more than 6,000 VISTAs are leveraging human, financial, and material resources to increase the capacity of thousands of low-income communities across the country to develop self-sustaining solutions to the problems of poverty. When VISTA members complete their service, they leave behind lasting solutions to some of our country's toughest problems.

*VISTA's success over its 40-year history is attributed to its core principles: anti-poverty focus, community empowerment, sustainability, and capacity-building. By adhering to these principles, VISTA has effectively responded to the ever-changing social, economic, and technological environment. Today, nearly 6,000 AmeriCorps*VISTA members serve throughout the country—working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, increase housing opportunities, bridge the digital divide, and strengthen community capacity.*

ALASKA

Adult Learning Program of Alaska

122 First Ave, #201

Fairbanks AK 99701

Contact: Lennette Bergh

Phone: 907-452-6434

Fax: 907-451-6598

Email: lbergh@adultlearning.org

12 Members

AmeriCorps*VISTA Members assigned to Farthest North Girl Scout Council will work with management systems development, provide outreach to remote and underserved Native communities to improve their sense of inclusion and promote the expansion/increase of youth involvement into the program (see below). Members assigned to Alaska Legal Services will address lack of access to the civil legal system encountered by low-income Alaskans. Members assigned to Northern Alaska Environmental Center work through the Camp Habitat and Creamer's Field to increase accessibility of low-income children into the programs. Members assigned to Calypso Farm and Ecology Center will assist in program and systems development around food distribution and feeding programs in the North Star Borough School District. The Adult Learning Program of Alaska will have a VISTA Leader to be responsible for supporting the VISTA slots assigned under the umbrella project for Interior Alaska. One member will develop a sustainable infrastructure for the Veterans History Project and one will serve as a Rural Services Development coordinator to develop a framework of Adult Basic Education (ABE) instruction and GED testing for young adults and adults.



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ALASKA (CONTINUED)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Interior Alaska

PO Box 73924

Fairbanks AK 99707

Contact: Cindy Nation

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Fax: 907-452-8112

Email: Cyndi@bbbsfairbanks.org

2 Members

The members assigned to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Fairbanks Area will develop a Mentoring in the Villages Program to help children to achieve their highest potential through after school programs, leadership development and mentoring Native youth. This is a component project of the Adult Learning Program of Alaska.

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Anchorage

2409 1st Avenue

Ketchikan AK 99901

Contact: Tony Azure

Phone: 907-247-2582

Fax: 907-247-4256

Email: tazure@bgclaska.org

1 Member

AmeriCorps*VISTA Member will serve as a Teen Coordinator for the Ketchikan community. The Teen Coordinator will outreach to at-risk and underserved teens in the community of Ketchikan. The Ketchikan Teen Outreach Strategy will involve implementing a variety of age-appropriate activities in the following five core program areas: character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts and sports, fitness and recreation.

Chenega Corporation

3000 C Street, Ste. 301

Anchorage, AK 99503

Contact: Midge Clouse

Phone: 907-677-4928

Fax: 907-277-5700

Email: chenegacorp.com

1 Member

One VISTA member is assisting in providing leadership development and program development to Native Alaskans and Tribal Councils.



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ALASKA (CONTINUED)

Chugach Regional Resource Commission

6200 Lake Otis Parkway, Suite 201

Anchorage, AK 99507

Contact : Tim Anderson

Phone: 907-256-6200

Fax: 907-562-4939

Email: tim@crrcalaska.org

1 Member

Member serves tribes in the Chugach region in Prince William Sound and the Lower Cook Inlet providing venues for economic and job development services.

Fairbanks North Star Borough

809 Pioneer Rd

Fairbanks AK 99707

Contact: Dr. Kathryn Dodge

Phone: 907-459-1300

Fax: 907-459-1102

Email: kdodge@co.fairbanks.ak.us

3 Members

Members will work with the Fairbanks North Star Borough's Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) and program such as; World Eskmo Indian Olympics, Alaska Interior Regional Coordinator, Pioneer Park Native Park and Museum, Minority Chamber of commerce/Minority Business Development, City of North Pole and the Cold Climate Housing Research Center Program. The FNSB ARDOR Project will work towards; Enabling the FNSB community to pool its limited resources and work together on economic development issues; Develop partnerships among public and private and other organizations, Offer a technical, nonpartisan capacity to develop and implement the FVSB ARDOR's economic Development strategy, and Provide needed technical assistance via direct links with local citizens.

Farthest North Girl Scout Council

431 Old Steese Hwy, 100

Fairbanks, AK 99701

Contact: Bobbie Sampson

Phone: 907-456-4728

Fax: 907-452-2320

Email: smngsc6@alaska.com

1 Member

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ALASKA (CONTINUED)

Ketchikan Youth Initiatives

724 Bayview
Ketchikan, AK 99901
Contact: Roberta McCreary
Phone: 907-247-8080
Fax: 907-247-8080
Email: kyi@kpunet.net

3 Members

Members develop and mentor youth-led programs, events and activities to promote youth participation in high profile volunteer activities showcasing good citizenship. They also operate and administer support programs providing job skills training and employment.

Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

130 Seward, Suite 209
Juneau, AK 99801
Contact: Kari Robinson
Phone: 907-586-5643
Fax: 907-586-3152
Email: Krobinson.andvsa@alaska.com

2 Members

VISTA members support domestic violence service delivery and build capacity for local organizations to serve Native women dealing with domestic violence or sexual assault.

Older Persons Action Group

325 E. 3rd Ave., 300
Anchorage AK 99501
Contact: Raymond Clements
Phone: 907-276-1059
Fax: 907-278-6724
Email: execdiropag@gci.net

3 Members

AmeriCorps*VISTA Members work to expand volunteer service opportunities to seniors that are low-income and or remote from urban communities. Members will outreach to 39,000 seniors with general information about Medicare. They will develop a system for Care/Medicare counseling, information and referral, conduct at least one major fundraising event and develop a cadre of 10 volunteer computer instructors to offer at least one class per month for new enrollees.

Pioneer Parks

P.O. Box 71267
Fairbanks, AK 99707
Contact: Mike Cox
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Fax: 907-459-1199
Email: mcox@co.fairbanks.ak.us

1 Member

The VISTA member is assisting in the development of an historic Native Village community.



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ALASKA (CONTINUED)

Rural Community Action Program

731 E. 8th Ave.

Anchorage, Alaska 99520

Contact: Ellen Kazary

Ph. 907-279-2511

Fax. 907-278-2309

Email: ekazary@ruralcap.com

24 Members

Rural CAP (Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.) is a private, statewide nonprofit corporation with a 35 year history of promoting self-sufficiency in Alaska. RurAL CAP serves an audience that is largely Alaska Native and rural, administering a wide range of programs, including weatherization, substance abuse prevention, Head Start and child development, subsistence, energy conservation, and two VISTA and two AmeriCorps programs. The VCMP is a network of ten VISTA members throughout the state who assist their local tribal and city councils with grant writing, computer training and other community service needs.

University of Alaska

3211 Providence Dr. Diplomacy Blvd.

Anchorage, AK 99508

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Fax: 907-269-4539

Email: ancab5@uaa.alaska.com

15 Members

VISTA members serve Village governments statewide and providing an array of services and programs to primarily Native adults and youth.

ARIZONA

Arizona State University, Building Great Communities

541 E. Van Buren, B5

Phoenix AZ 85004

Contact: Kenja Hassan

Phone: 480-727-5055

Fax: 480-727-5059

Email: kenja.hassan@asu.edu

2 Members

Building Great Communities was founded in 1999 as part of a vision to increase ASU's relationships with low-income communities in AZ. This initiative works with AZ tribes to encourage the pursuit of higher education for low-income native youth. The VISTAs will develop contacts on the reservations with school administrators, develop an intake system for ASU student volunteers and other varied tasks.



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ARIZONA (CONTINUED)

Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona

924 N. Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ 85711
Contact: Linda Krause
Phone: 501-666-9032
Fax: 520-881-3366
lkrause@volunteersoaz.org
1 Member

The VISTA members serving with the Volunteer Center of Arizona develops effective volunteer management systems for five pilot schools throughout Pima County. VISTA project objectives are to increase the number of community volunteers working in the pilot schools, supporting literacy activities and other school programs where community volunteers can make an impact. Johnson Elementary, one of the five pilot schools, located adjacent to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Tucson Arizona, is committed to engaging tribal members in the school's volunteer activities. VISTA members serving at Johnson, meet regularly with the tribal members and leaders, designing systems whereby more Pascua Yaqui tribal members will volunteer at Johnson.

National Society for American Indian Elderly

200 East Filmore Street, #151
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Contact: Victoria Collins
Phone: 602-424-0542
Fax: 602-253-2266
Email: victoria.collins@nsaie.org
28 members (nationwide)

AmeriCorps*VISTA members work throughout Indian Country to increase community development efforts for American Indian elders within the NSAIE by providing support for American Indian senior citizens programs through volunteer development and partnership. Members work in partnership with Title VI Elders' programs to ensure the needs of American Indian elderly are justly provided for in the future by creating a long term plan for development including memberships, corporate sponsorships, and annual campaigns.



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CALIFORNIA

California Indian Manpower Consortium

738 North Market Street
Sacramento, CA 95834

Contact: Nicky Wittig

Phone: 916-920-0285

Fax: 916-641-6338

Email: nickyw@cimcinc.com

11 Members

VISTA members serve in the Indian communities of Robinson, Cold Springs, Mechoopda, Bishop Piute, Tyme-Maidu, Lone Pine Piute to strengthen the link between formal and cultural education, and build social capacity by encouraging elders and youth to contribute positively and build healthy communities.

Southern California Indian Center

10175 Slater Avenue

Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Contact: Paula Starr, Executive Director

Phone: 714-962-6673

Fax : 714- 962-6343

Email: pstarr@indiancenter.org

5 Members

The Southern California Indian Center, Inc. (SCIC), was established in 1967 as a 501(c)3, with a mission to raise the socioeconomic and education levels of southern California's American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian people. SCIC provides programming to expand employment, economic, job training and educational opportunities for American Indians, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians living in Long Beach, Hollywood, Los Angeles, Fountain Valley and Orange County. Five VISTA members focus on program development, resource development, volunteer generation, and building collaborations. Anticipated outcomes include funding, resources and volunteers needed to support new and existing programming. In addition, VISTA members will create the following products: training curriculum, internships, mentoring activities and certification program.

FLORIDA

7th Generation Community Service Corporation

4495 S. Hopkins Avenue

Titusville, FL 32780

Contact: Charlotte Hicks

Phone: 888-436-1814

Fax: 321-385-1586

Email: chicks@7thgeneration.org

2 Members

The VISTA members will support resources development for this non-profit economic and community development organization that serves tribes nationally and assist in the development of a workforce development initiative that provide apprenticeship training in construction trades to youth living on reservations.



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MICHIGAN

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

2956 Ashmun Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Contact: Rick Haverkate

Phone: 906-632-6896

Fax: 906-632-1810

Email: rickh@itcmi.org

15 Members

This VISTA project is focused on tribal health promotion and disease prevention for at-risk populations on 19 Federally recognized tribes in Michigan, each of which serves as a member of the tribal consortium called the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. VISTA-coordinated programs will address the health needs of expectant mothers, coordinate programs on alcohol and smoking prevention for teens, provide programs on nutrition/healthy eating for all age groups, address health risk factors that are prevalent on reservations, and a myriad of other health-related programs.

MONTANA

Communities in Action

124 South Central
Sidney, MT 59270

Contact: Melissa Boyer

Phone: 406-433-6946

Fax: 406-433-7866

Email: mboyer@richland.org

1 Member

The VISTA member will serve the Fort Peck community developing community health programs.

Montana Campus Compact

302 University Hall
Missoula MT 59812

Contact: James Cody Lillstrom

Phone: 406-243-5177

Fax: 406-243-5407

Email: lillstrom@mtcompact.org

4 Members

The VISTA members serve American Indian youth in multiple sites including Billings (drop out prevention tutoring program in the Billings School District), Pablo (serving at Salish Kootenai College working to get farm to college program set up on campus), and Browning (with Rural Systemic Initiative to improve American Indian math and Science proficiency).



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MONTANA (CONTINUED)

MT Dept of Public Health, Prevention Resource Center

P.O. Box 4210

Helena, Montana 59604

Contact: Vicki Turner

Phone: 406-444-3484

Fax: 406-444-4435

Email: vturner@mt.gov

5 Members

This project has a main focus of developing a mentoring program in an underserved part of the Flathead and Ft Peck Reservations with a focus on keeping kids in school. On the Flathead Reservation the project works with the Lake County Coalition for Kids to develop and expand the coalition to include strategic planning and implementation for the reservation/county wide prevention efforts.

Montana Legal Services Association

616 Helena Avenue, Suite 100

Helena, MT 59601

Contact: Michelle Hauer

Phone: 406-442-9830

Fax: 406-442-9817

Email: mhauer@mtlsa.org

5 Members

MLSA VISTA member is working with the MLSA Consumer Law Unit to create consumer law education related materials that will specifically assist members of the Crow Tribe and Northern Cheyenne Tribes. MLSA VISTA member is working with the MLSA Indian Law Unit to create a sustainable consumer law education program within the Flathead reservation. 2 MLSA VISTA members are working with domestic violence service providers who serve the Salish Kootenai Reservation. They are focused on creating resources that will educate the native population regarding the impact of domestic and sexual violence with their communities, thus empowering the native community to become active in prevention efforts on the reservation.

NEVADA

Health Insight - Covering Kids & Families

3100 Mill St., Suite 117

Reno, NV 89523

Contact: Ernie Chang

Phone: 775-323-2206

Fax:

Email: echang@healthinsight.org

13 Members

VISTA members will be utilized to work with Nevada Covering Kids & Families Coalition to increase the enrollment of eligible children in Medicaid and Nevada Check Up. The VISTAs will accomplish this by conducting and coordinating outreach programs and simplifying the enrollment process by removing barriers to enrollment.



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NEW JERSEY

Nanticoke Henni-Lenape Indians of New Jersey

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Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Contact: Tina Fragaso

Phone: 865-455-6910

Fax: 865-455-5338

Email: tpfragoso@aol.com

3 Members

Members provide grant writing and resource development support for the newly built community center. Members also support cultural heritage preservation activities including historical research and verification activities.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Forum for Youth, VISTA Cadre Program

924 Park Ave SW, Ste D

Albuquerque, NM 87102

Contact: Michael Garcia

Phone: 505-821-3574

Fax: 505-242-2776

Email: michaelk@nmforumforyouth.org

10 Members

As lead agency, the New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community functions as an intermediary organization focused on promoting positive youth development practices and principles throughout New Mexico, with the goal of ensuring that young adults are fully prepared for the workforce and life. Members will serve Santa Ana, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Taos, Acoma, Laguna, and Zuni Pueblos to integrate positive youth development principles and practices across New Mexico through civic engagement and community strengthening involving a strategy that targets specific regions and communities. Cadre members will recruit and train community volunteers to sustain projects; actively engage and convene community stakeholders to address critical needs; create and implement fund development strategies; conduct quality assessments with CBOs; assist CBOs in adopting Positive Youth Development principles; and create and/or develop youth development programs that address critical needs.

Laguna Pueblo

PO Box 490

Casablanca, NM 87007

Contact: Linda Morales

Phone: 505-552-6034

Fax: 505-552-7232

Email: lmorales262@cs.com

1 Member

One member serves at Laguna Pueblo Senior Center in partnership with Elders' programs developing health promotion activities.



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NEW MEXICO (CONTINUED)

New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Dept.

2550 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe NM 87505
Contact : Juanita Thorne-Connerty
Phone: 505-476-4787
Fax: 505-476-4836
Email : Juanita.thorne-connerty@state.nm.us

3 Members

The project addresses the immediate needs of low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities via education and referral services for prescription drugs. Members develop outreach materials, recruit community volunteers to give workshops locally and develop informational materials. Outreach provided to all New Mexico pueblos (most recently Isleta, Pojoaque and Tesuque).

Pueblo of Zuni

PO Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327
Contact: Jeannie Lastiyano
Phone: 505-782-5541
Fax: 505-782-5678
Email: jeannielastiyano@hotmail.com

1 Member

One member serves at Zuni Pueblo in partnership with the Senior Corps programs and Dept. of Aging/Senior Center developing health promotion activities including growing healthy foods to serve at the Senior Center.

SER de New Mexico

1931 San Mateo NE
Albuquerque NM 87110
Contact: Pete Salazar
Phone: 505-269-1272
Fax: 505-268-4499
Email: petesalazar@serdenm.org

2 Members

AmeriCorps*VISTA members provide literacy training to volunteer tutors in the low income community in the service area, and have been highly successful in terms of generating community support. Through Life-Long Learning Centers, Members address the needs of the service community in the areas of GED attainment, adult and child literacy efforts, etc.





NORTH CAROLINA

Lumbee Tribes of North Carolina

707 Union Chapel Rd, PO Box 2709

Pembroke NC 28372

Contact: Natascha Tilson

Phone: 910-521-7861

Fax: 910-521-7109

Email: ntilson@lumbeetribe.com

5 Members

AmeriCorps*VISTA members help recruit and provide leadership to Lumbee community members who will provide ongoing volunteer assistance with efforts to improve knowledge and use of services available to members of Lumbee communities. The emphasis areas are as follows: Children and Youth (assist low-income children in areas of literacy, early childhood development, mentoring and youth services); Financial asset Development (assist low and moderate-income families to invest in housing that builds equity, participate in financial literacy programs, and engage in micro-enterprises through involvement in Lumbee traditional arts and crafts); and Older Adults (assist seniors with various services including housing, health care, prescription drug benefits and improvement to quality of life).

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota State University

209F ET Building, Box 5819

Fargo ND 58105

Contact: Nancy Olson

Phone: 701-231-7100

Fax: 701-231-6593

Email: nancy.olson@ndsu.edu

6 Members

Project activities include developing and implementing tutoring & elementary literacy and mentoring initiative in partnership with RSVP and serving Ft. Berthold, Standing Rock, Spirit Lake and Sisseton Sioux Reservations. Seniors or other individuals will be matched up with children for one-on-one assistance. Specific emphasis is on children of incarcerated adults.

OKLAHOMA

Crawford County Volunteers for Literacy

513 Main St., PO Gos 1107

Van Buren AR 72956

Contact: Anita James/Don James

Phone: 479-474-4594

Fax: 479-474-5566

Email: ccvl@mynewroads.com

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OKLAHOMA (CONT.)

Members serve Cherokee Nation through activities to support literacy which include producing outreach materials for volunteer recruitment; recruiting and training volunteers; implementing school referral system; and organizing fundraising activities.

Oklahoma CASA Association

PO Box 54946

Oklahoma City, OK 73154

Contact: Anna Naukam

Phone: 405-524-8999

Fax: 405-524-7222

Email: anna@oklahomacasa.org

10 Members

VISTA members support seven local CASA (Court Appointed State Advocates) programs, including those that serve the Cherokee Nation, providing training and public awareness resources. VISTA members are increasing the number of CASA volunteers by 10% through new or enhanced recruitment plans, are enhancing volunteer support systems designed to train and support an average of 50 volunteers in each program, improving quality of current advocacy for children, and demonstrating the availability of public and private resources that will enable the project to continue after the VISTA members leave.

OREGON

Native American Youth and Family Center

5135 NE Columbia Blvd.

Portland, OR 97218

Contact: Lynn Ward

Phone: 503-288-8177

Fax: 503-788-1191

Email: lynnw@nayapdx.org

10 Members

NAYA Family Center was founded in 1974, as an all volunteer organization by American Indian/Alaskan Native parents as a way to keep their children involved in healthy activities. NAYA Family Center has expanded its client base from serving 200 to serving some 1,300 urban clients in 2005-2006. VISTA members have been instrumental in the opening of the NAYA Early College Academy for youth grade 9-12 to earn both a high school diploma and college credit. Members also support updating technology systems, youth wellness and foster care development, and educational curriculum and development.



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OREGON (CONTINUED)

Oregon Microenterprise Network

1220 Southwest Morrison, Suite 805

Portland, OR 97205

Contact: Valerie Plummer

Phone: 503-546-9913

Fax: 503-808-9031

Email: valerie@oregon-microbiz.org

2 Members

AmeriCorps*VISTA Members will complement the work of OMEN by providing needed human resources to expand existing capacity of six micro-enterprise development programs throughout the state. Specific outcomes are to develop a program serving the needs of rural communities, working with Warm Springs Community Action Team & ONABEN.

Red Cross Clara Barton VISTA Corps

3131 N. Vancouver

Portland, OR 97208

Contact: Maighie Fitzgerald

Phone: 503-528-5628

Fax: N/A

Email: Fitzgerald@redcross-pdx.org

1 Member

The VISTA member serves at the National Indian Child Welfare Association to coordinate volunteer recruitment in Portland.

Umpqua Community Action Network

2448 W. Harvard Avenue

Roseburg, OR 97470

Contact: Jane Larsen

Phone: 541-923-3525

Fax: N/A

Email: jane.larsen@ucancap.org

1 Member

I VISTA serves at the Douglas County Museum with programs designed to support tribal history and education.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota State for Diversity Enhancement

Box 550, 823 Medary Avenue

Brookings, SD 57006

Contact: Dianne Nagy

Phone: 605-688-6004

Fax: 605-688-6900

Email: Dianne.nagy@sdstate.edu

6 Members

Six VISTA members serve the Rosebud and Sisseton Sioux Reservations through support of service learning activities for youth.



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SOUTH DAKOTA (CONTINUED)

Volunteers of America-Dakota

209F ET Bldg., Box 5819

Brookings, SD 57006

Contact: Nancy Olson

Phone: 605-696-0480

Fax: 605-696-0305

Email: hfhsd@habitatsouthdakota.org

4 Members

The VISTA members serve the Flandreau, Rosebud and Cheyenne River Reservations by supporting the mentoring program in the Strengthening Family and Youth Initiative.

UTAH

San Juan Foundation

PO Box 814

Blanding, UT 84511

Contact: Lisa Carr

Phone: 435-678-4035

Fax: 435-678-1331

Email: Carrshop@yahoo.com

1 Member

Member supports health, education and economic development.1

Utah Citizen Corps

324 South State Street, Suite 500

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Contact: Candace Powers

Phone: 801-538-8694

Fax: 801-678-3541

6 Members

VISTA members serve to help build Citizens Corps, CERT programs and other homeland security activities for the Navajo, Monument Valley, Montezuma Creek, Mexican Hat, Bluff and Blanding communities.



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WASHINGTON

Olympic Community Action Program

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Port Townsend, WA 98368
Contact: Bonnie White
Phone: 360-385-2571 Ext. 630
Fax: 360-385-5185
Email: bwhite@olycap.org

1 Member

One VISTA serves the Makah, Hoh, S'Klallam, Quileute, and Quinalt tribes and assists in the development of supplemental education programs.

Solid Ground/United Indians of All Tribes

P.O. Box 99100
Seattle, WA 99100
Contact: John Stein
Phone: 206-285-4425
Fax: N/A
Email: jjstein@unitedindians.org

3 Members

VISTA members support outreach to native seniors on health care issues. Topics include everything from fall prevention to Medicare Part D.

Volunteers of America – Western Washington

2802 Broadway
Everett, WA 98206-0839
Contact: Jennifer Eugene
Phone: 425-259-3191
Fax: 425-259-5601
Email: jeugene@voaww.org

1 Member

Member supports Head Start programs for native children and develop sustainable youth development programs with the Tulalip Tribe.

Washington State Association of RSVP Directors – Health Project

222 Columbia Street, NW
Olympia, WA 98501
Contact: Frieda Ray
Phone: 360-586-7787
Fax: 360-664-4644
Email: frieda@volunteer.ws

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WASHINGTON (CONT.)

This statewide project will focus on the health needs of residents in Benton, Franklin, Clark, Clallam, Jefferson, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Garfield, Asotin, Mason, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, and Yakima Counties through the work of 12 VISTA Volunteers (including one VISTA Leader). The primary focus of this program is fall prevention for seniors. More than one third of adults 65 and older fall each year and of those who fall, 20% to 30% suffer moderate to severe injuries that make it hard to get around or live alone and increase the chance of early death. In addition, the average health care cost of a fall injury is \$19,440 (including hospital, nursing home, emergency room, and home health care, but not doctors' services) which can lead to incredible financial burden on low-income seniors. Based on these facts, VISTA members will work with volunteers to promote best practices when it comes to fall prevention.

WISCONSIN

Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc.

602 Piece Pipe Road, Box 786

Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

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1 Member

NNEC builds community capacity through initiatives that provide staff and technical assistance to insure that the human resources are developed to implement and sustain identified projects. Current and past VISTAs helped establish/strengthen a financial institution for business lending, business support services; expanded marketing opportunities for local artisans, cultural museums; developed recreation trail systems and downtown redevelopment efforts to enhance tourism.

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

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4 Members

VISTA members are working to establish a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm on the Red Cliff reservation that will not only provide fresh, wholesome food for the reservation, but become a self sustaining business enterprise. The project will promote community gardens, a return to traditional foods, and nutrition education.





WISCONSIN (CONT.)

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4 Members

VISTA members work on a variety of community development initiatives with the Bad River, Red Cliff, Oneida, and Stockbridge-Munsee tribes. VISTAs work to promote food security and a return to more traditional diets through a focus on sustainable agriculture, community supported farming, community gardens, farmers markets, and nutrition education. They also provide support to after-school programs that assist youth in academic achievement.

WYOMING

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Northwest Wyoming

304 Main Street

Lander, WY

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2 Members

The central offices for this sponsor are located in Worland, Wyoming. However, they have field offices in Powell, Greybull, Thermopolis and Lander. The Lander office is located 10 miles from the Wind River Indian Reservation and serves the youth in Lander as well as youth-at-risk on the Reservation. VISTA members will focus on producing outreach material for volunteer recruitment; recruiting, screening and matching volunteers with youth-at-risk; and researching and developing funding resources to ensure project sustainability.

Raising Readers in Wyoming, Inc.

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4 Members

This statewide VISTA program places VISTAs in Sheridan, Casper, Cheyenne, and Riverton, Wyoming. Raising Readers in Wyoming encourages low-income parents to read to their young children by providing them with books at their well-child health care visits. The VISTAs will recruit local volunteers to prepare books, deliver books to medical offices, assist in fund-raising efforts, and conduct program promotion.



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