



SerVermont VISTA Program Site List

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SerVermont VISTA Leader

1 VISTA Leader, Montpelier *OPEN*

VISTA Leaders must have previously served at least one year as a VISTA.

The VISTA Leader works with SerVermont and helps administer the VISTA program. As a VISTA veteran, this member serves as a resource for other team members, and knows how to trouble shoot issues and find resources. The VISTA leader coordinates member events and trainings, compiles a quarterly newsletter, and assists with the compilation of data from reports and member timesheets.

Catamount Film and Arts

1 VISTA, St. Johnsbury *OPEN*

Catamount Arts promotes integration of the arts into community life and cultivates awareness and appreciation of the arts through diversified programming and education. The A*VISTA Volunteer will continually evaluate needs of the local St. Johnsbury Head Start program to develop a comprehensive arts program, create developmental arts education curricula, including assessment metrics that meet State and national educational standards, coordinate efforts with Catamount Arts K-8 arts education program and local public schools' curricula to ensure seamless transition of pre-school students and in years two and three replicate program by utilizing the successful model program and reach out to engage other Head Start programs in the region and pre-schools that serve low-income pre-schoolers.

John Graham Shelter

2 VISTAs, Vergennes *OPEN*

The John Graham Shelter addresses Addison County's need for emergency shelter and housing by providing shelter and transitional housing along with a broad array of outreach, services, counseling and case management to homeless families and individuals. The VISTA members will help with a full range of duties, including fundraising, grant writing, cultivating donors, public relations, volunteer coordination, coordinating mentor programs and developing and improving databases.

Bennington County Regional Commission Healthy Communities Coordinator

2 VISTAs, Bennington *OPEN*

Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC), and The Alliance for Community Transformations (ACT) work cooperatively with local governments to establish and advance regional cohesiveness and engage all citizens. These VISTAs will support a complex network of engaged change agents from every sector of the community and will be focusing on Healthy Community Design, Local Food System Development and Energy programs in the Bennington area.

Town of Waterbury Flood Recovery Grant Writer

1 VISTA, Waterbury *OPEN*

Waterbury, Vermont was hit hard by Tropical Storm Irene on August 28, 2011. We are still in the midst of recovery from Tropical Storm Irene by working on getting funding for a new municipal building, also supporting economic recovery and further development of our community that serves as an employment center for our area. The VISTA member is part of a team including municipal staff, our Long-term Recovery Director and local non-profits that support projects that help alleviate poverty through economic development. We support other projects such as affordable housing and recreation that also serve our community's needs. If successful, Waterbury will not only be able to recover from the flood, but will be a better, stronger community than before.

Southwestern Vermont Health Care Program Coordinator

1 VISTA, Bennington *OPEN*

Southwestern Vermont Health Care is a regional health care system which supports our community through direct medical care, health education, advocacy, public policy and the coordination of broad-based community coalition. The VISTA member will assist in the development and implementation of programs and initiatives which will ensure the viability and sustainability of the community's efforts to affect change. Programs the VISTA will be integral to developing include Community Health, Healthy Food Access and Youth Service efforts.

Vermont Works for Women

Program Coordinator

I VISTA, Barre *OPEN*

Vermont Works for Women (VWW) transforms lives through innovative job training and experiential education. VWW helps girls and women find their passions, reach their potential, and gain economic independence. The VISTA will develop and implement systems of tracking tradeswoman in the state of Vermont and their interest in serving as role models in schools and technical centers for students. They will also create and implement systems to support employer partner relationships for the Transitional Jobs program, which will allow more women to find employment upon completion of the program. The member will also have connected career and technical centers around the state with role models, guest instructors, career work experience placement opportunities and therefore exposed many more young women to nontraditional careers that pay a livable wage.

**Vermont Technical College
Community Food System Coordinator**

I VISTA, Randolph *OPEN*

Vermont Tech is a unique institution within the state of Vermont and the Vermont State College system, offering career-focused, technical education in specialized areas of study related to agriculture, applied sciences, business, engineering, health science, and sustainability. This position will be primarily focused on the agricultural programs. This would require involvement in organic production of produce and fruit at Vermont Technical College's Market Garden. The member would also develop sustainable management plans and work with community organizations to determine their need for fresh produce such as local schools, hospitals or nursing homes. A secondary focus of this position is working with community and campus partners to provide volunteer opportunities to students in the food system field.

**Vermont Youth Conservation Corps
Development Specialist**

I VISTA, Richmond *OPEN*

This VISTA will work in the Development Office at the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. The member will focus on grant writing, and resource and partnership development. This VISTA will also focus on a new alumni engagement initiative, which will increase fiscal resources, long-term program impact data collection and future programming. VISTA will play a crucial role in the development of this new initiative designed to help Vermonters and change lives.

Vermont Works for Women

Program Coordinator

I VISTA, Winooski *OPEN*

Vermont Works for Women (VWW) transforms lives through innovative job training and experiential education. VWW helps girls and women find their passions, reach their potential, and gain economic independence. This position will be split 50/50 supporting the development and implementation of new, state-wide nontraditional public training programs and supporting a three-year-old culinary job training program (FRESH Food). The member will cultivate relationships with community partners, community/state agencies and potential clients and participants. The member's work will also promote balanced nutrition and healthy eating habits for both trainees within the program as well as the 300 pre-school children who are served the meals created in the culinary training program each day.

**VT Dept. of Mental Health Information
and Data Coordinator**

I VISTA, Montpelier *OPEN*

VT Dept. of Mental Health is lead agency for the Homeless Management Information Project and is developing a new system to ensure complete, accurate, and timely reporting to funders of Homeless Projects and to link data collected to efforts that seek to reduce and end homelessness in Vermont. The VISTA will work with division staff to develop the system and document outcomes for individuals served to increase funding for homeless programs.

**Vermont Youth Conservation Corps
Food and Farm Program Coordinator**

5 VISTAs, Richmond *OPEN*

The Food & Farm Program is an integral element of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC). The program teaches youth about the source of food, how it is grown, and the value of a healthy lifestyle while providing food free of charge to those who need it most. The Food and Farm Coordinator VISTA will be responsible for building a comprehensive business plan with a sustainable funding structure for the program; developing and maintaining relationships with partners, clients, and others in the farming, youth development, and food access communities; and coordinating the production and distribution of a vegetable and pasture poultry farm to the food charity system. Special attention will be given to the link between food production, at-risk youth education and leadership development, community outreach, and food security and access issues in Vermont.

**Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
Program Coordinator**

I VISTA, Montpelier *2 OPEN*

The mission of Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAV) is to promote and support healthy relationships within families, schools and communities to eliminate child abuse. The VISTA member will provide promote and enhance PCAV's prevention programs concentrating particularly on our Family Support Programs. The member will help us work on infrastructure enhancements which will increase our capacity to serve Vermont families. The VISTA member will help refine food procurement (for program), create/finalize tools to teach healthy eating, improve our volunteer recruitment, training, management and recognition program. Additionally, the member will help develop collaborative relationships and design ways to replicate programs in communities, create or enhance databases and assist with grant-writing, fundraising and social media communications.

**Department of Forests,
Parks and Recreation**

I VISTA, Springfield *OPEN*

The mission of the Vermont State Park system is to conserve and interpret, on behalf of the people of Vermont, their natural and cultural heritage while providing recreational opportunities and economic benefit. This position will be designed to create an organizational strategy, partnership agreements and curricula to provide coordinated outdoor education and health and recreation opportunities in the southeastern region of Vermont. This position will assess outdoor learning and health opportunities at other state parks in southeastern Vermont and develop a unified approach for the region as well as park-specific curricula, program materials and partnerships to increase and enhance learning opportunities aimed at students and seniors.

**Central Vermont Regional Planning
Commission**

I VISTA, Montpelier *OPEN*

Our mission is to assist member municipalities and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. We work with area non-profits, other regional organizations, State and Federal agencies and the general public. We implement a variety of projects and programs tailored to local and regional needs and also complete projects of statewide importance and interest. This VISTA member will help support a Public Participation Committee with both municipal representation and expanded stakeholder representation from diverse interest groups, including those serving low-income seniors,

**United Way of
Franklin/Grand Isle**

I VISTA, St. Albans *OPEN*

The mission of the Franklin- Grand Isle United Way is to improve lives by connecting people and resources to find solutions to our communities most pressing needs. They currently organize several food drives throughout Franklin and Grand Isle counties for a holiday program. By strengthening our partnerships with existing food shelves in the region, and providing the needed infrastructure for this collaboration, the VISTA position will help develop a more coordinated program, ultimately reaching thousands of low-income Vermonters.

**Rutland Regional
Planning Commission**

I VISTA, Rutland *OPEN*

The mission of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission is to develop and implement a regional plan, to provide assistance to municipalities with the planning process and information gathering, to be a central repository of planning information and to administer regional programs. The service that a VISTA member provides will more clearly define issues faced by low-income communities in the region and allow the planning commission to more sharply focus our efforts to find solutions. This VISTA member will also work with Rutland Area Physical Activity Coalition and other partners, the VISTA member can reach out to towns and schools to address healthy lifestyle changes.

Vermont National Guard

I VISTA, Colchester *OPEN*

Vermont Military Family Programs promotes self-resiliency in Service Members, their Families and Volunteers by preparing, assisting and supporting their Service Members for the obligations of local, State, and Federal military service. One of the primary issues facing many of our VTNG members is employment: unemployment as well as under-employment in unstable low-paying jobs. The VISTA will help us establish a foundation of employment resources, databases, community partners and outreach efforts to help service members face this issue.

**Two Rivers- Ottauquechee
Regional Commission**

I VISTA, Woodstock *OPEN*

Two Rivers-Ottawuechee Regional Commission's primary goals are to advocate for the needs our member towns and to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. We work to strengthen local economies, protect national resources, provide housing and transportation choices and achieve compact settlement. This position focuses on

adults and youth. This VISTA will continue to develop and implement a successful blueprint for community engagement and increased participation for low-income populations in the regional planning process.

Rutland Area Farm and Food Link

I VISTA, Rutland *OPEN*

The mission of RAFFL is to support local agriculture and the local communities by strengthening the relationship between farmers and consumers through education, collaboration and capacity building. The VISTA member will help build/increase our Glean Team program's volunteer base, thereby increasing our ability to "glean" nutritional food for low-income residents and developing a long-term database of assistance; develop systems that will more effectively and efficiently manage this program including educational programs and materials that will lead to permanent changes in attitudes about food purchases and create evaluation systems that will assess the program's capacity and sustainability.

Committee on Temporary Shelter

I VISTA, Burlington *OPEN*

The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) provides emergency shelter, support services, prevention assistance, and housing for people who are homeless or marginally housed in Vermont. The VISTA member will work closely with the Director of Development and Communications to advance and expand COTS' social/new media strategy and implementation plan. By increasing awareness of COTS programs and services, the VISTA member will be strengthening community support of the organization. With increased support, COTS will be better able to provide shelter, case management services, housing, and prevention assistance for individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

increasing economic opportunity through improving connections between housing, transportation, educational, and health sectors, as well as bringing needed information to target audiences. This VISTA would serve as a conduit to and a spokesperson for lower-income individuals in the 30 town TRORC area, especially for the roughly 7,000 persons living below the poverty line.

Middlebury College

I VISTA, Middlebury *OPEN*

Community Engagement at Middlebury College prepares students for lives of meaning and impact through service, scholarship and citizenship. Our programs work to strengthen communities and contribute to the public good. This VISTA member would work to weave together our co-curricular poverty programs in a more cohesive and intentional manner and deepen our collaboration with participating community partners. A VISTA focusing on building a more solid infrastructure will help increase our capacity to help meet local needs, deepen the impact of our efforts, identify opportunities for growth and development and establish a sustainable program.

Living Well

2 VISTAs, Burlington, Bristol *OPEN*

United Way of Windham County

I VISTA, Brattleboro *OPEN*

Descriptions coming soon!

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