

AmeriCorps VISTA Opportunities in Montana

Hello from Montana!

We are casting a broad net of outreach to potential candidates who may be interested in serving an AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America aka domestic Peace Corps) with the Prevention Resource Center. Positions are full time for one year and we have many positions throughout the state working toward building capacity and sustainable local prevention efforts, human service programs and public health initiatives. We are looking for energetic individuals seeking challenges toward solving some of our toughest social problems, who can work full time with minimal supervision, and have at least a four year degree. Our outreach efforts extend to recent college graduates as well as baby boomers who are in the autumn of their careers.

The following link is to our available positions for July <http://prevention.mt.gov/VISTA/recruit/availablepos.asp>. Once a candidate has selected a project or projects that they are interested in, the next step is submitting their application through the AmeriCorps web recruiting system. Our available sites are directly linked to the AmeriCorps web recruiting system.

Because VISTA is an immersion, anti-poverty program, VISTAs receive a biweekly living stipend of approximately \$833/month. Health insurance is provided, and if someone is receiving some sort of public assistance or Social Security benefits prior to becoming a VISTA, those benefits are NOT impacted by the living allowance. We also provide several professional training opportunities and the VISTA experience can sometimes lead into full time permanent employment. The VISTA experience provides a terrific opportunity for someone to gain work skills and to put a college education into real world practice.

Upon successful completion of a full 365 days, an educational award of \$4725 toward future higher education or past education expenses is available. In lieu of the education award, a candidate can elect a \$1200 cash stipend.

We are accepting applications through May 30th, with Pre-Service Orientation scheduled for July 14-16th, with service work beginning July 17th.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you are able to forward this opportunity to your public health network and to your students. And, as a side note, we recruit twice a year for placements in January and July. If the timing isn't right for this placement cycle, there is another opportunity later in the year. Available positions change, so for the most current list of positions, our website has the best list: www.prevention.mt.gov. Thank you so much and have a great day.

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