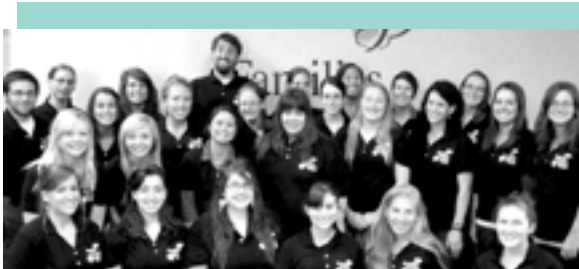




Families in Transition VISTA Program

Families in Transition VISTA Program recruits dedicated host sites to join our team across New Hampshire, with the goal of improving the quality of life for the most disadvantaged members of our community.

Families in Transition VISTA Program is run by Families in Transition (FIT), a Manchester- and Concord-based homeless housing and services provider. Families in Transition partners with organizations across the state to provide work sites for VISTAs. It also recruits new VISTAs and offers supervision by hosting FIT VISTA monthly meetings, tracking VISTA progress, and offering general support throughout the VISTA service year.



Families in Transition VISTA Program 2013

Apply now!

If you are interested in hosting a VISTA in New Hampshire or supporting the Families in Transition VISTA Program, please contact Families in Transition VISTA Program by e-mail at FITVISTA@fitnh.org or by phone at **603.935.7900 x 1717**.



For more information on the AmeriCorps VISTA program and to learn more about hosting a VISTA at your organization, visit www.americorps.gov/VISTA and click on **For Organizations**.



AmeriCorps VISTA is a project of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Together with the USA Freedom Corps, The Corporation is working to build a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility in America.



Volunteers in Service to America

A good cause. A great business opportunity.



Build your workforce



Make a difference



Partner with VISTA!

Who are host sites?

Selected host sites are nonprofits and government agencies that provide critical services, training, and empowerment programs aimed at enabling those in need to break the cycle of poverty. With VISTA, host sites benefit from receiving the support of a full-time staff member without the high cost of salary and benefits. Host sites who have hosted VISTAs include nonprofits such as Families in Transition (Manchester), Arts in Reach (Portsmouth), the Women's Fund of New Hampshire (Concord), and Global Awareness Local Action (Wolfboro). Government agencies include the New Hampshire Department of Education.



Who are VISTAs?

A VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) works for one year to build capacity and create sustainable change within an organization. Many VISTAs are recent college graduates; however, VISTAs can vary in age and experience. VISTA members' responsibilities may include volunteer coordination and tracking, grant writing, coalition building, afterschool program design, community outreach, employment and training, marketing, fundraising, and other activities to promote overall organizational sustainability.

Who can become a host site?

Your organization must be a:

- Public, private, or faith-based nonprofit; or a
- Local, state, or federal agency

To host a VISTA, your organization must be able to provide:

- \$5,000 toward VISTA salary and benefits (limited scholarships are available for agencies that can prove need);
- Office space, a desk, computer and phone for each VISTA;
- A full-time staff supervisor who supports the VISTA by providing guidance, oversight, and attending VISTA supervisor meetings; and
- The administrative support and supplies a VISTA will need to complete the goals and objectives of the project.

Your project must have clearly defined objectives and goals directed toward alleviating poverty, and must provide a service in one of the following areas: **education, veterans' services, economic opportunity, health, or disaster relief and prevention.**

For more information about site requirements, visit <http://www.americorps.gov/>.

**Fight Poverty
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Other ways your business can support VISTAs

Can't host a VISTA? Your organization can still support VISTAs by:

Donating discounts or coupons to your business

As full-time volunteers, many VISTAs spend their year of service on a tight budget. Help by providing coupons, discounts, vouchers, or special incentives to Families in Transition VISTAs at your organization or place of business.

Donating your time

Families in Transition VISTA Program strives to provide VISTAs with opportunities for professional growth and training. Offer your professional expertise by conducting a training workshop on the topic of your choice at a VISTA monthly meeting.

Families in Transition VISTA Program highlights supporting organizations in our monthly newsletter, which is circulated statewide to dozens of nonprofit organizations. Furthermore, your contributions support a group of volunteers who are part of a national network.

Become a supporter today!