



Families in Transition VISTA Program

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

The 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.



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Apply now!

If you are interested in serving as a VISTA in New Hampshire, please fill out an application at www.americorps.gov/VISTA



We will review your resume and determine the agency opportunity that best fits you.

If you have any questions, please contact Families in Transition VISTA Program by e-mail at FITVISTA@fitnh.org or by phone at **603.935.7900 x 1717**.



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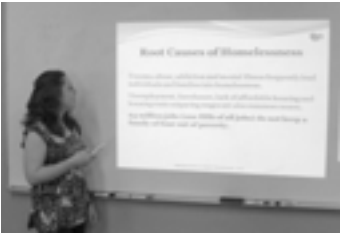
Make a difference



Be a VISTA!

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 and implementation, community outreach, employment and training, marketing, fundraising, and other activities to promote overall organizational sustainability.



What 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.

What are the benefits of becoming a VISTA?

As a VISTA, you are part of a national movement that enables you to give back to your community and help break the cycle of poverty. Other benefits include:

- An AmeriCorps Segal Education Award of \$5,550 OR a post-service stipend of \$1,500;
- One year of noncompetitive status for a federal government job;
- Professional development opportunities and workshops in addition to a full year of real-world job experience; and
- Access to the 170,000 member-strong VISTA Alumni Network.

Additionally, VISTAs receive a number of federal benefits, including a monthly stipend of \$973-\$1,210 (before taxes), health benefits, relocation assistance, medical and personal leave, and childcare assistance if necessary. VISTAs may also be eligible to receive some forms of federal assistance, such as food stamps, fuel and electric assistance. Most VISTAs find the stipend and additional assistance adequate to cover their financial needs.

About Families in Transition

Our Mission

To provide safe, affordable housing and comprehensive social services to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, enabling them to gain self-sufficiency and respect.

Since 1991, Families in Transition (FIT) has been committed to providing only the most innovative, comprehensive, and effective programming to help homeless individuals and families reach beyond the cycle of homelessness and lead healthy and successful lives. We believe that having a home is a basic human right and is a fundamental component of becoming an engaged and contributing member of the community.

FIT's unique combination of quality, affordable housing, and comprehensive services empowers homeless individuals and families to lead healthy, happy, and productive lives.



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