

Communities Addressing the Ravages of the Opioid Epidemic

As an AmeriCorps VISTA member, you will enhance the capacity of local networks to respond to the opioid crisis by joining 1 of 28 California coalitions, implementing intervention strategies known to reduce opioid addiction and overdose deaths: addressing supply (safe prescribing), promoting recovery (ensuring access to treatment) and preventing overdose (harm reduction including naloxone distribution). You will learn best-practices as you address the epidemic locally, and you and your coalition will benefit from the skills, tools and practices that will be shared through a program supporting all 28 coalitions in this network, called the coalition accelerator program. Although these 28 coalitions occur in counties throughout California, most placements are likely to be located in Northern California or the Central Valley. If you are already located in an affected area, or in an area with an active coalition, you might have the opportunity to serve your own community. Up to forty AmeriCorps VISTA members will learn about Public Health strategies and practices, and how coalitions can be leveraged to fight health crises. You will contribute to the goals of the coalition accelerator program through activities like these that will be based on local needs and volunteer skills: Conduct an environmental scan of community context and need; Expand community knowledge that supports the program effort; Strengthen partnerships and expand networks; Improve materials that support programming; Conduct outreach for participant recruitment; Assess results of program offerings; Improve or expand program delivery; and Utilize technology to develop systems of organizational effectiveness. Within your year of service, you will improve the health of California through supporting the capacity of your local coalition and of the greater Opioid Safety Network to reduce the rate of opioid-related deaths.

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Member Duties : The AmeriCorps VISTA member would serve as support to coalition leadership, building the capacity needed to ensure that Coalition activities continue to curb the epidemic. A few examples of specific activities that VISTA members might do are: Work with community leaders and advocates to pilot new programs; Work with community members to identify opportunities in prevention, and bring in resources from other aligned efforts to engage the community in prevention efforts; Help Coalitions with safer prescribing efforts by disseminating guidelines, fliers, and posters; Implement and enhance data collection process; and Implement outreach events like a drug take-back day and work with the community and pharmacies to translate these efforts into permanent structures.

Program Benefits : Living Allowance , Choice of Education Award or End of Service Stipend , Health Coverage* , Relocation Allowance , Childcare assistance if eligible , Training .

*For details about AmeriCorps VISTA healthcare benefits, please visit <http://www.vistacampus.gov/healthcare>

Terms :
None

Service Areas :
Community Outreach , Health , Public Safety , Community and Economic Development .

Skills :
Conflict Resolution , Fund raising/Grant Writing , Writing/Editing , Team Work , Leadership , Public Health , Non-Profit Management , Communications , Computers/Technology , Community Organization , Social Services , General Skills .



SUMMARY	
Program Type:	AmeriCorps VISTA
Program	Communities Addressing the Ravages of the Opioid Epidemic
Program Start/End Date	04/13/2018 - 04/13/2019
Work Schedule	Full Time
Education level	College graduate
Age Requirement	Minimum: 20 Maximum: None
Program Locations	CALIFORNIA
Languages	Spanish is a plus. English
Accepting Applications	From 10/20/2017 To 01/31/2018
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