

Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association
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AmeriCorps VISTA Opportunity Available

The Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association (NCA) is accepting applications for the 2019-20 AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program. The year of service begins on July 8, 2019 and ends on July 7, 2020. The position is full-time, 40 hours per week based at our office in the MidTown neighborhood of Cleveland.

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NCA's mission is "to support and strengthen the capacity of the centers to provide human services and education for children, families, and seniors, and to advocate for the social, economic and political well-being of Greater Clevelanders." Through the Partners for Student Success (P4SS) program, NCA both directly and via community partners provides after school and summer programming to primarily Cleveland public schools. P4SS program outcomes focus on academic enrichment in reading and math, positive youth development, college and career readiness (Grades 6-12), and parent engagement. Through IConnect, NCA serves older adults both directly and via community partners with programming via the Internet, telephone, and in-person at selected sites. Through IConnect older adults can increase social interaction, participate in activities with others, and engage in new experiences.

Responsibilities

The goals of the VISTA project will be to increase the capacity of NCA's I Connect and P4SS programs through the identification of resources, creation of delivery systems and implementation plan. There are three goals to be achieved by the AmeriCorps VISTA member:

Goal 1: A system for disseminating computers and other technology from our partners to participants in the I Connect and other NCA programs is developed and implemented. Participants in the I Connect program will increase the connection to the community, peers, family and resources through various forms of technology including computers, phones, tablets and other devices. The VISTA member will assist in the development and implementation of a system for identifying needs and matching available technology with participants.

Goal 2: Locations for expansion of the I Connect program are identified and prioritized. As a pilot program, the I Connect program has focused on a smaller number of participants initially. As the program enters into the second year, other locations for potential participants must be identified. The VISTA member will assist in the identification and development of new IConnect locations.

Goal 3: Parents and family members of students enrolled in NCA's P4SS programs access needed community resources to improve their quality of life. Parent involvement is critical to the success of the P4SS program. NCA wants to provide parents and family members opportunities to learn about resources that will help them improve their lives. These resources may be educational, assist with access to supports providing basic needs, address specific issues, or offer respite. The VISTA member will identify parent interests and needs and match community resources to these needs, developing a schedule of events, presentations, or family activities that will offer parents the opportunity to connect to these resources.

Qualifications

Bachelor's degree. Volunteer and/or work experience serving youth, families, and/or older adults. Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated initiative and organizational skills. Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite including Word, Excel and Outlook. Must meet the criminal background check requirements to work for an organization that provides programs for youth.

Benefits of AmeriCorps VISTA

This **year-long federal paid service opportunity** is part of a nationwide network that works to build the capacity of community based nonprofits. The selected VISTA will receive a monthly living allowance of approximately **\$944 per month, a \$200 per month housing stipend, paid holidays/sick/personal days, and paid training. Benefits include** healthcare and noncompetitive eligibility for federal jobs upon completion. Child care benefits and relocation allowance depending upon eligibility. **At the end of their service year, members choose a \$6,095 award to pay for a range of education expenses or a cash stipend of \$1,800.**

To Apply: Email your resume and cover letter telling us why you want to serve as GCNCA's AmeriCorps VISTA to Lee DeAngelis, Director Support Services at ldangelis@gcnca.org