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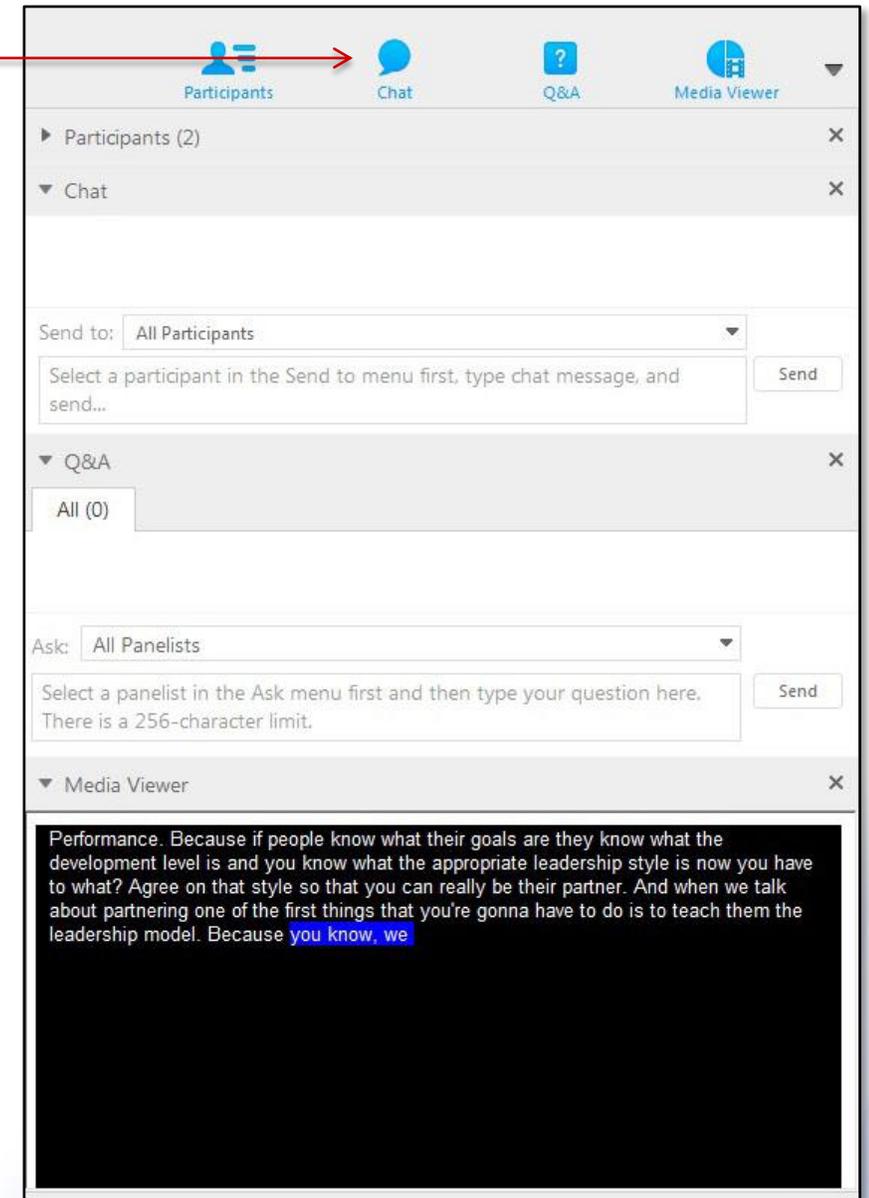
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The closed captions text reads: "Performance. Because if people know what their goals are they know what the development level is and you know what the appropriate leadership style is now you have to what? Agree on that style so that you can really be their partner. And when we talk about partnering one of the first things that you're gonna have to do is to teach them the leadership model. Because you know, we



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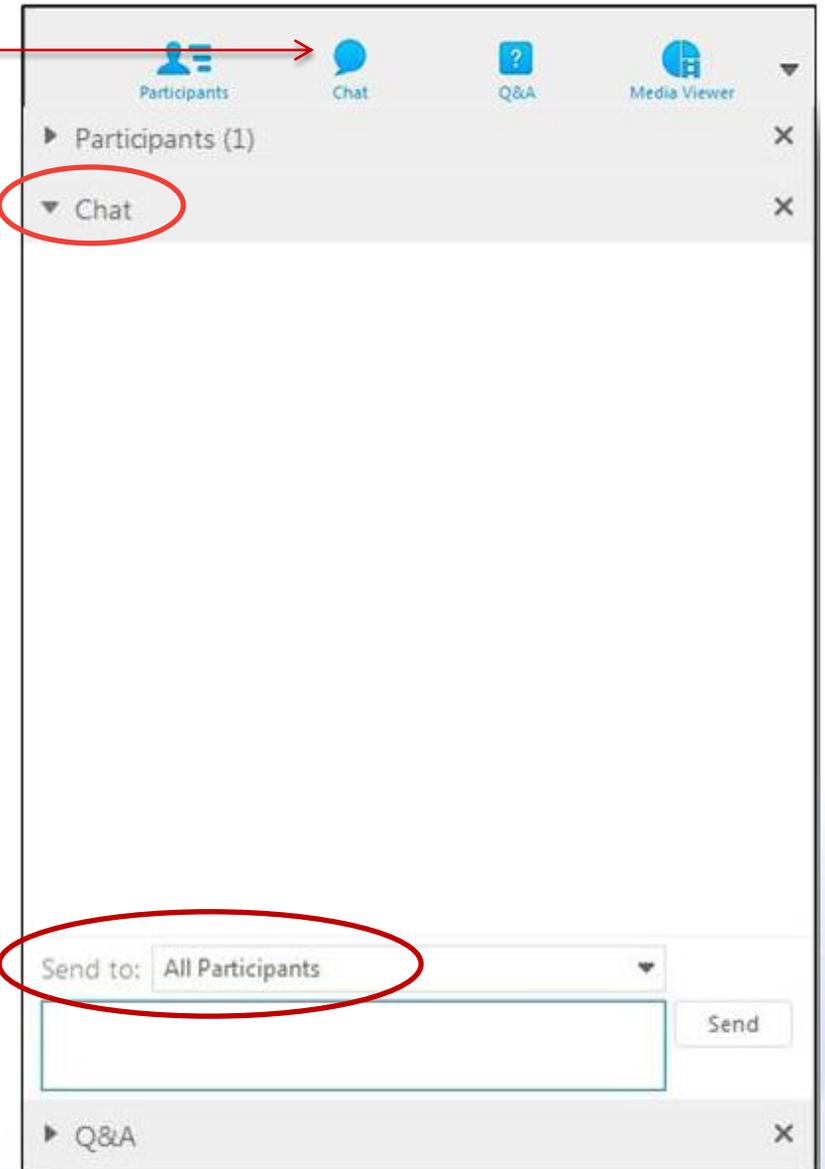
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Share Your Thoughts

- What new information or skills do you need to succeed with your VAD or living as a VISTA?

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Today's Agenda

- The Individual Development Plan
- The VISTA Campus
- Additional resources
- Next Steps

Individual Development Plan



VISTA Individual Development Plan

	Knowledge and skills needed to accomplish VAD	Priority L M H	Learning Opportunities / Resources
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2			
3			

Activity

- Fill in the last box of your Individual Development Plan

		VISTA Individual Development Plan	
	Knowledge and skills needed to accomplish VAD	Priority L M H	Learning Opportunities / Resources
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Or legacy VISTACampus username.

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VISTA History



50 years

Look back on 50 years of VISTA history in the context of key events in U.S. history with this interactive timeline.



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Your VISTA Benefits

Living Allowance | End-of-Service Award | Life Insurance | Health Coverage | Child Care | Travel | Reduction of Education Costs | Leave | Professional Development | Leaders Program | Alumni Network

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Living Allowance



Pre-Service Orientation

The AmeriCorps VISTA program provides a living allowance that enables you to live very frugally, like the community you are serving. The allowance is based on poverty rates for a single individual in your geographic area. The living allowance is paid biweekly and deposited directly into your bank account.

The living allowance covers basic necessities such as housing, food, and utilities. Federal income tax deductions and life insurance premiums, if applicable, are withheld from the living allowance. No state, county, or city tax deductions are withheld. You are responsible for paying the appropriate taxes.

Your sponsoring organization or your [AmeriCorps VISTA State Office](#) can give you the most up-to-date information on the amount that you will be receiving for each pay period.

Prior to attending Pre-Service Orientation, you must complete the following forms in your MyAmeriCorps account: *Direct Deposit*, *Federal Tax Withholding (W-4 form)*, and *Unpaid Compensation Information* (also known as Designation of Beneficiary).

While the VISTA program does not encourage you to seek outside employment, and understanding that commitment to your assigned project is your top priority, you are permitted to work part-time with permission from your supervisor.

View the [living allowance rates](#) that VISTA Members and Leaders receive, listed by state and county of service. See the [AmeriCorps VISTA Member Handbook](#) and speak to your supervisor for more detail.

Visit our [Managing Your Living Allowance site](#) for tips and resources to help you with everyday savings, budgeting, and building your financial literacy skills.

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Resources

For more information on the living allowance and suggestions for living on a limited budget, explore these useful resources:

- Resources for Living on the Living Allowance ←
- Saving Money on Health Care
- Budget Calculator ←
- Living Allowance Calendar and Sample Statement
- VISTA Living Allowance Rates
- VISTA Living Allowance Rates by County
- Living on the Living Allowance (Webinar for VISTAs) - includes tips generated by VISTA members during the session. ←
- Living Allowance in Chapter 5 of Member Handbook
- Managing Your Living Allowance

<http://www.vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service>



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Chapter 2: Overview of Your Year in AmeriCorps VISTA

Chapter 3: Working at Your Project

Chapter 4: Training & Technical Assistance

Chapter 5: Financial Support

Chapter 6: Education Benefits

Chapter 7: Travel & Transportation Support

Chapter 8: Health Benefit and Health Care Support

Chapter 9: Leave Benefits

Chapter 10: AmeriCorps VISTA Leader

Chapter 11: End-of-Service

Chapter 12: Administrative Policies

Chapter 13: Other Terms & Conditions of Service

Chapter 14: Basic Laws & Federal Regulations

Appendices

Image Gallery



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Planning, Workplace and Service Site | PDF, Lesson | Background, Reference | Introductory

Welcome to the VISTA member handbook. Click the link to "Chapter 1" to begin.

[VISTA Member Handbook en Español.](#)

Additional tags: VISTA History and Mission, VISTA Benefits, Terms of Service, Member Support, Policy, Member Handbook, Intermediary Supervisor, Sub-site Supervisor, Single-site Supervisor



[Chapter 1: Background & Purpose >](#)

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Raising Funds From Individuals

\$ Marks the Spot



Planning, Fundraising, Communications and Marketing, Building Partnerships | Video | Reference, Training | Introductory

Watch this short animated video for expert advice on community fundraising and organizing. The video will give you concrete ways to develop a community-based fundraising plan.

★★★★★ Your rating: None | Average: 4.1 | (13 votes)



INDIVIDUALS WRITING TO INDIVIDUALS

Communication, Writing, Fundraising | Lesson | Reference | Introductory

Examine essential elements of a direct mail fundraising campaign with this tutorial.

★★★★★ Your rating: None | Average: 4.4 | (5 votes)



BUILDING FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEER CHAMPIONS

Communication, Working with Volunteers, Fundraising | Lesson | Reference | Introductory

Utilize your board to identify and cultivate potential donors. This course will teach you six important strategies to empower your volunteer leadership to raise funds for your program.

★★★★★ Your rating: None | Average: 4.1 | (10 votes)



WEBINARS FOR VISTAS: FUNDRAISING AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Fundraising, Community Development | Recorded Webinar | Background, Training | Introductory

Learn the basic concepts of fundraising and review related tools on the VISTA Campus. This webinar was



SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTEER-LED PHONATHONS

Planning, Working with Volunteers, Fundraising, Communications and Marketing | Web Page (HTML) | Job Aid | Introductory



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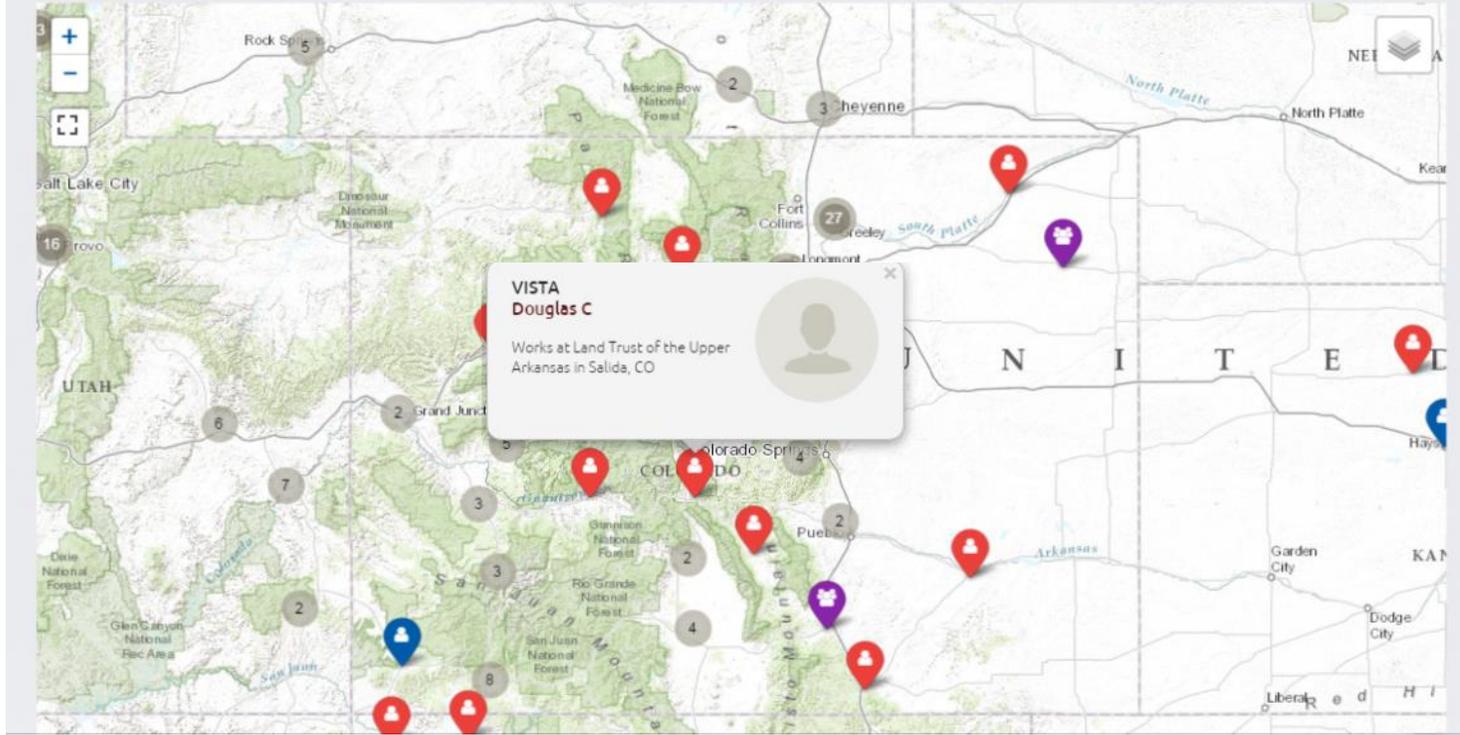
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VISTA Map

Search the map to find and connect with VISTAs, Supervisors, and Alumni in your area. You can also search for connections by name through the [Learning Connections](#) page on your user account. (Learning connections are available only to logged-in users.)

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Upcoming VISTA Webinars

When you register for a webinar, you will receive a confirmation email. Please keep this information to sign in at the time of the webinar.

Questions? Email us at vistawebinars@cns.gov

[Applying for Federal Jobs Using Non-Competitive Eligibility](#)
Mar 10, 2016 02:00pm - EST

[Recursos para tu Desarrollo Profesional como VISTA](#)
Mar 15, 2016 01:30pm - EDT

[Plan Your Professional Development](#)
Mar 17, 2016 02:00pm - EDT

[Building Sustainability into a Volunteer Program](#)
Mar 30, 2016 02:00pm - EDT

[Managing Student Loans](#)
Apr 14, 2016 02:00pm - EDT

[Beyond VISTA: Project Sustainability Approaches and Strategies](#)
Apr 27, 2016 02:00pm - EDT

[Plan Your Professional Development](#)
May 10, 2016 02:00pm - EDT

[Managing Up: Improving Communication with your Supervisor and Co-workers](#)
May 12, 2016 02:00pm - EDT

Click on the blue links to register for upcoming webinars

On-Demand VISTA Webinars

Click on the title of each webinar listed below to view a recorded video of that webinar, and to access a PDF version of the webinar or other supporting material.

Jump to: [Life as a VISTA Webinars](#) | [The Work Webinars](#) | [Social Media Webinars](#)

Webinars on Life as a VISTA

[Using the Segal Education Award](#)

The Eli Segal Education Award is one of the most significant benefits for many VISTAs. To make the most of this award, it's important to know all the ways it can be used and understand the limitations.

[Plan Your Professional Development \(12/2/15\)](#)

Designed for VISTAs who have recently completed Pre-Service Orientation, this webinar will help you develop a plan for learning what you need to know to succeed in your VISTA service, introduce you to the tools you have on hand as a VISTA, and show you where to find learning opportunities here on the VISTA Campus and beyond.

[Avoiding Burnout During Service](#)

This presentation will assist you in identifying your risk for burnout by helping you recognize your ongoing, common stressors (particularly those related to your VISTA role) and your ability to cope with them.

[Managing Student Loans](#)

Student loans can be daunting to navigate. As a VISTA member, you have many options available for managing student loans both during and after service. This session outlines several options to postpone, repay, and reduce Federal loan payments and explores Public Service Loan Forgiveness as an option to eliminate loan balances altogether.



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Learn more, serve better

The VISTA Blend is a series of accredited online courses designed specifically for VISTAs in service. Offerings include **Volunteer Mobilization** and **Resource Development: Fundraising and Grant Writing** and are open to currently serving VISTAs.

In these courses, you'll complete weekly readings and practical assignments that will inform the work you do and can be applied at your site. You'll have a chance to connect with other VISTAs in the course and a facilitator who can help answer questions, give feedback, and offer help.

What You'll Take Away

- Knowledge and skills that can help you serve more effectively
- Marketable job skills for positions beyond your service year
- **Three transferable college credit recommendations** for passing the course



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Volunteer Mobilization

Develop new strategies and tools for recruiting, screening, and training volunteers to help build a robust volunteer program at your site. For those developing a program from scratch or working with volunteers for the first time, this course is for you.

YOU'LL LEARN TO...

- Design volunteer position descriptions
- Develop effective volunteer recruitment strategies
- Conduct volunteer interviews
- Develop volunteer screening practices
- Create engaging and useful volunteer orientations and trainings



Resource Development: Fundraising and Grant Writing

Gain the know-how and practical skills to support fundraising, event planning and grant writing and strengthen your site's ability to raise money. Students who take this course will have a free one-month subscription to a national grants database as part of the course.



Course Application

Volunteer Mobilization
(Spring/Summer 2016)

Resource Development
(Spring/Summer 2016)

Questions?

For more information see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#). You can also share this [FAQ for Supervisors](#) with your supervisor to help answer any questions they may have.

To contact the VISTA Blend registrar, email: VISTAblend@cns.gov



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The AmeriCorps VISTA Impact App

Project Management

Show your impact!

Every day, you're busy completing actions to advance VISTA's mission to combat poverty. You need a simple way to document your activities and share them with your supervisor. Now, it's easier than ever to track your service activities, including sections to document activities related to:

- Veterans and Military Families
- Activities of Your Volunteers
- Cash and In-Kind Resources
- And Much More!

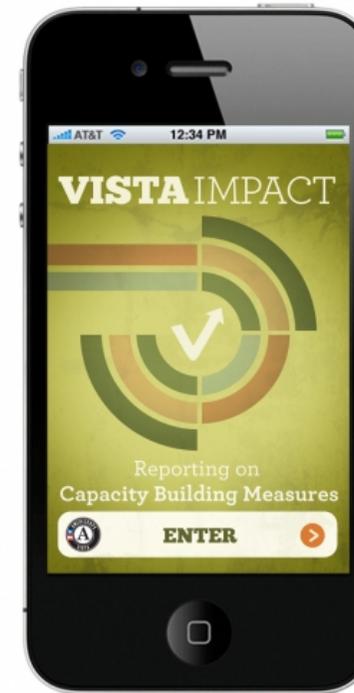
Get started now! [Click here to connect to the Impact App.](#)

- Bookmark it to your smart phone, tablet, or computer.
- Login using your VISTA Campus credentials.
- Start entering your activities!

[Learn more about VISTA's performance measures here.](#)

VISTA Supervisors: Learn more about how to use the App with these [Frequently Asked Questions.](#)

Additional tags: Reporting, Performance Measures, Intermediary Supervisor, Sub-site Supervisor, Single-site Supervisor



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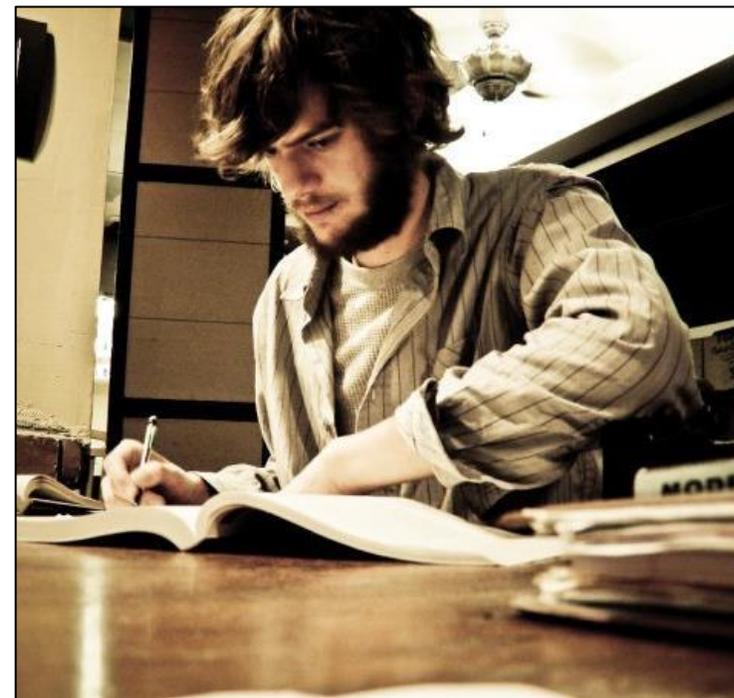
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Additional Resources

- Obtain a library card
- Research free educational opportunities online
- Check your organization's professional affiliations
- Join a regional network or affinity group



Grow Using Associations & Certifications

Financial Development

- Association for Fund Raising Professionals
www.afpnet.org
www.afpnet.org/professional

Working with Volunteers

- Points of Light
www.pointsoflight.org
- Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration
cvacert.org
- Energize, Inc.
www.energizeinc.com/directory

Communications and Marketing

- Public Relations Society of America
www.prsa.org/Network/Communities/AssociationNonprofit

Curriculum and Training Development

- Association for Talent Development
www.td.org

Developing and Empowering Community Leaders

- NeighborWorks America
www.neighborworks.org/Training-Services

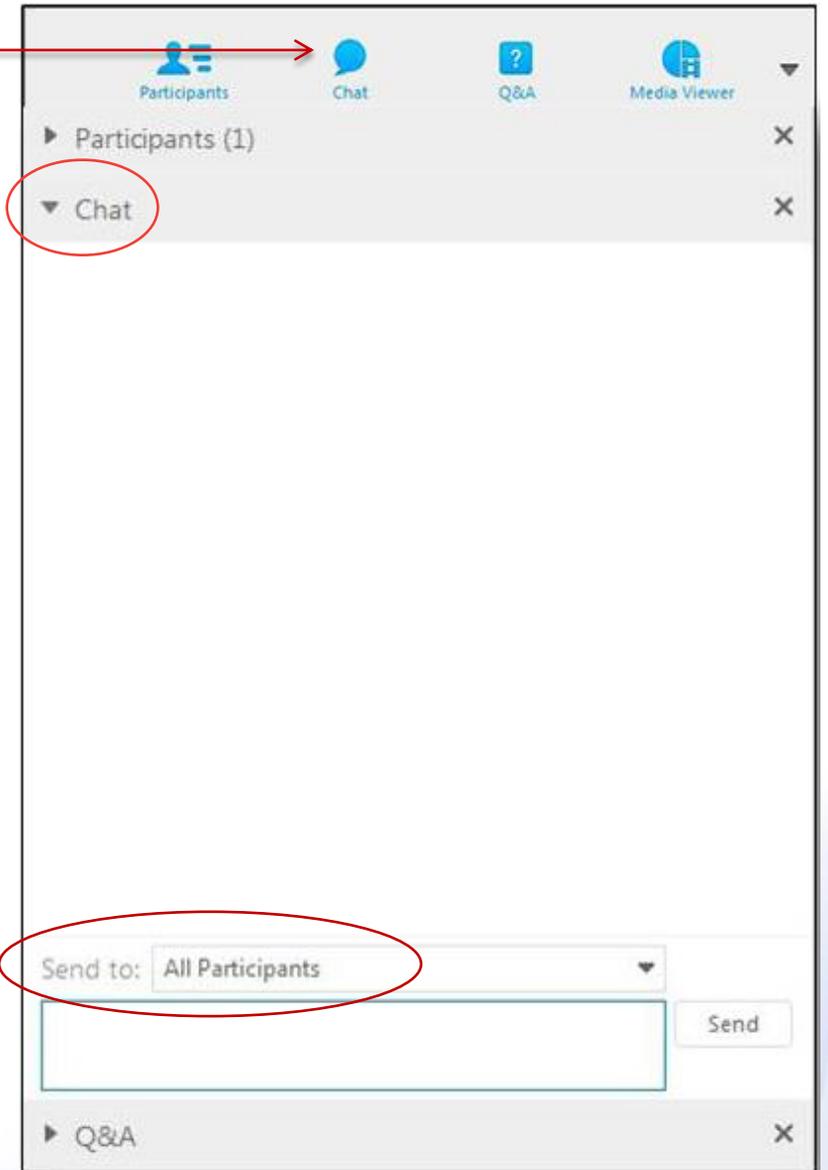
Your Local...

- Volunteer center
- United Way
- Chamber of Commerce
- Toastmasters International
- National organizations regional branches

Share Your Thoughts

- What are resources you have used for professional development?

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Take Time to Learn and Grow

- Search “The Work” section on the VISTA Campus for resources
- Take a Campus tutorial
- Attend a VISTA webinar
- Apply to a VISTA Blend course



Show Your VISTA Pride

- Add the VISTA logo to your business cards and signature
- Decorate your space with VISTA gear
- Share your VISTA photos and stories on social media
- Get in touch with local alumni
- Attend or arrange a VISTA MeetUp
- Wear your VISTA Polo when out in your community



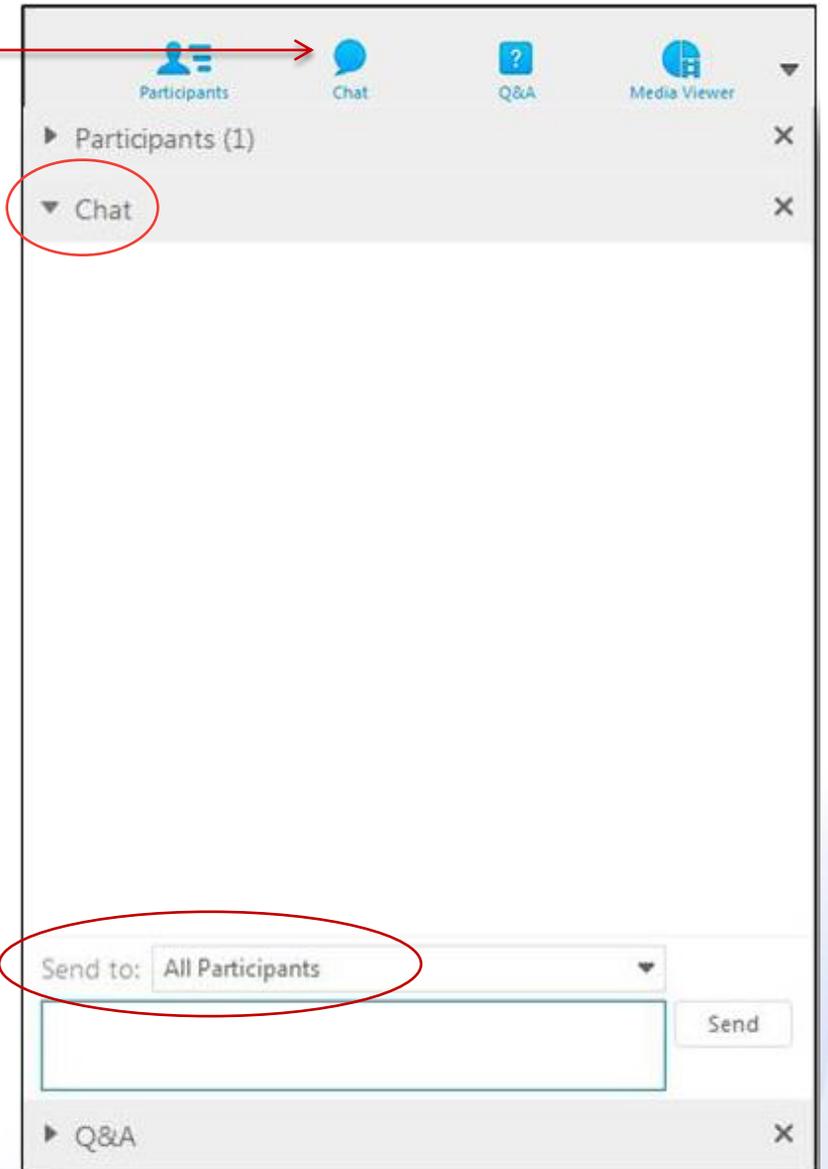
Order Your VISTA Polo!

- You will receive an email from VISTA with instructions on how to order a VISTA Polo and Lapel Pin
 - Look for this email by the end of this week
- Items need to be sent to your project site
 - Unfortunately we cannot send to P.O. Boxes
- All Polos are in Men's sizes
 - Please take this into account when ordering

Share Your Thoughts

- What next step can you take today to continue your professional and personal development?

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Do This. It's Good for You.

- Complete your Individual Development Plan
- Connect with your supervisor to discuss your goals
- Select one VISTA Campus resource for your Learning Plan
- Make contact with one VISTA Campus user through your Learning Connections feature
- Investigate a professional organization
- Order your VISTA Polo



Evaluation

- Please take a few moments to share your feedback through the quick poll on the right side of the screen.
- How can we improve these sessions? What topics should we include in future webinars?

Q&A



- To ask a question verbally press *1
- To ask a question electronically, use the Q&A feature located in the bottom right corner of the screen. Please ask “All Panelists”

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