

Planning Your Professional Development

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Welcome to Planning Your Professional Development

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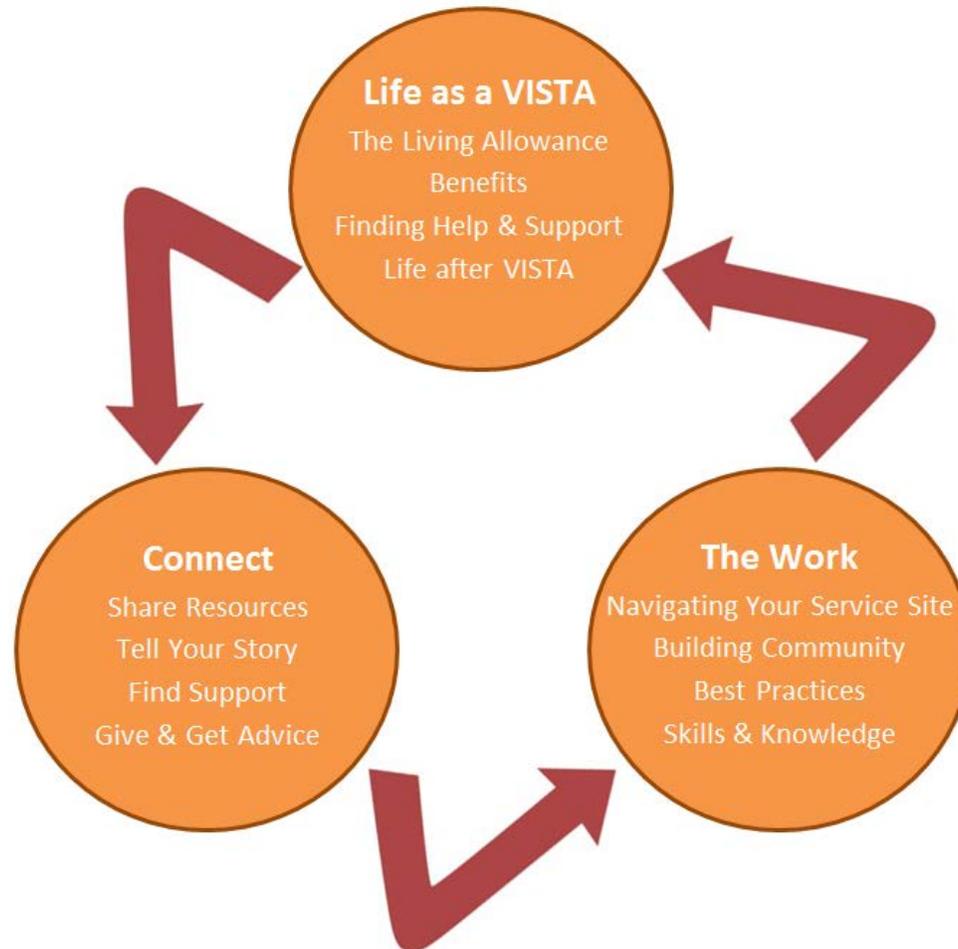
- Your Tools for Success
 - The Individual Development Plan
 - Your VAD
 - The VISTA Campus
- Four Steps to Action
- VISTA Campus Exploration
- Questions

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Share Your Thoughts:

What is one challenge you are going to address during your service?

Your VISTA Year



Your VAD

Volunteer Mobilization

Sustainability

Curriculum development

Fundraising

Community outreach

Project Development

Public speaking

Research

Partnership
development

Event
Planning

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Poll:

What's in your VAD?

Individual Development Plan



VISTA Individual Development Plan

	Knowledge and skills needed to accomplish VAD	Priority L M H	Learning Opportunities / Resources
1			
2			
3			

Activity:

Fill in the first box of your Individual Development Plan.

		
	Knowledge and skills needed to accomplish VAD	Priority L M H
1	Fundraising	H
2	Communications	H
3	Volunteer Management	H

The VISTA Campus



VISTA *Campus*

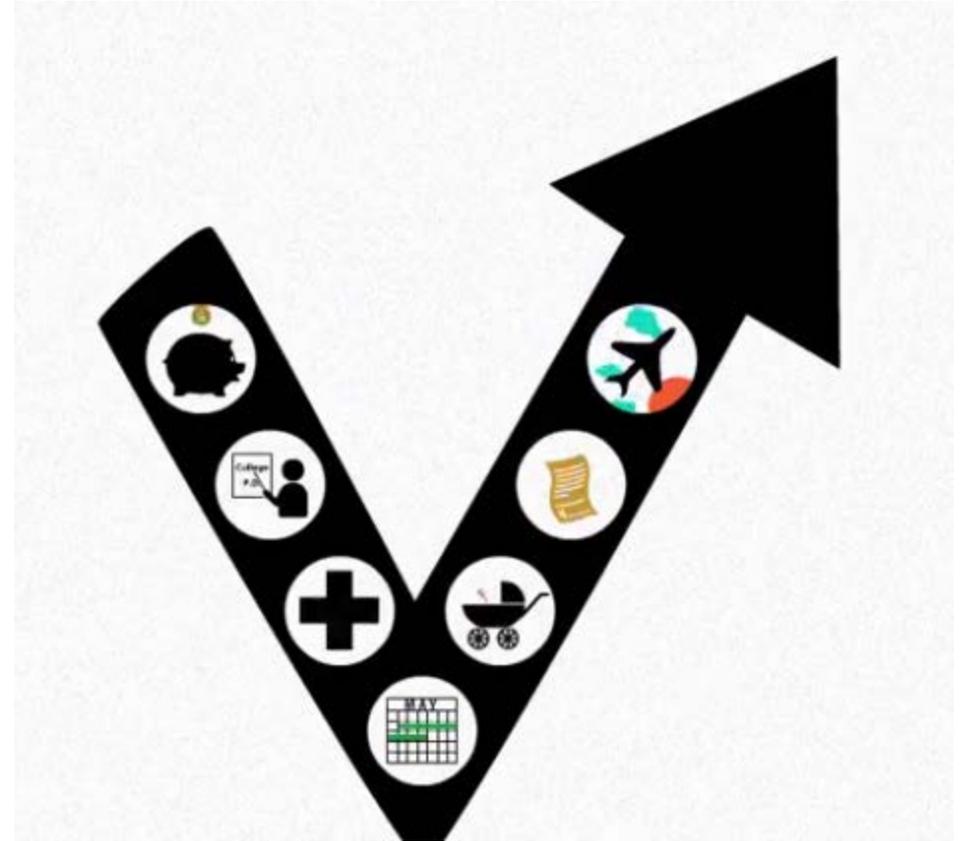
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Four Steps to Action

A guide to maximizing
your VISTA service

Step 1: Get Settled

- Get to know the VISTA Member Handbook
- Contact the VISTA Member Support Unit for benefit-related questions
- Connect with your State Office for support



Get Settled into Life as a VISTA

- Learn and share on the VISTA Campus forums
- Watch a *Life as a VISTA* webinar
 - Living on the Living Allowance
 - Understanding Your Healthcare
 - Using Your Education Award



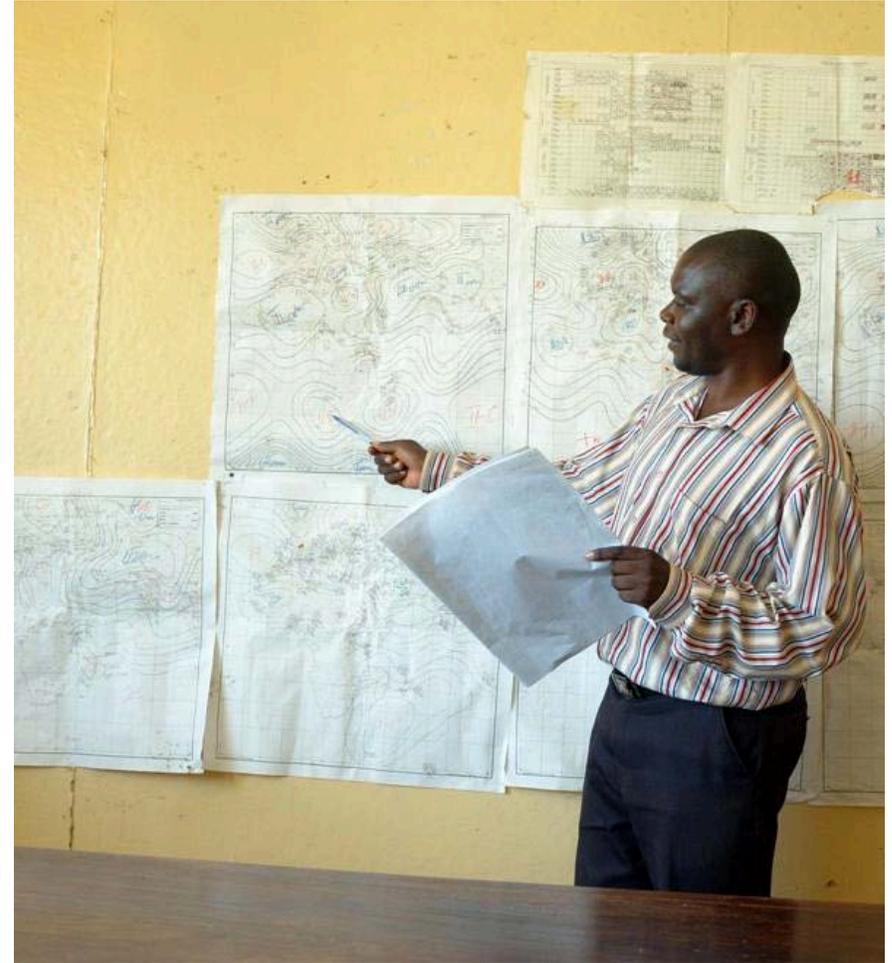
Get Settled in Your Organization

- Have regular meetings with your supervisor
- Review organizational documents
- Explore what's been done before
- Get to know your coworkers

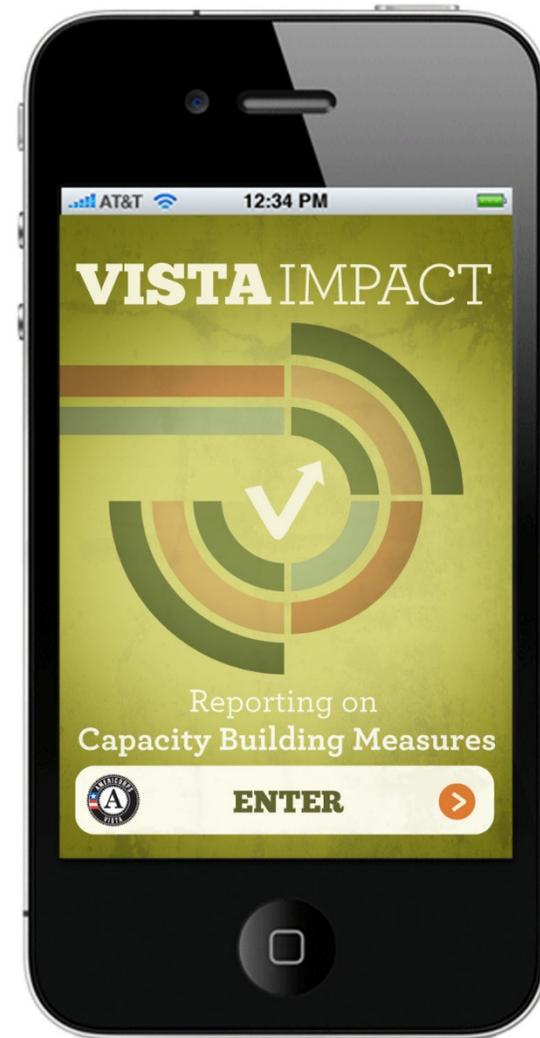


Step 2: Turn Your VAD into Action

- Create a plan of action for the year
- Develop goals and objectives with your supervisor
- Keep your VAD in an accessible place
- Develop a system to ensure the continuity and sustainability of your work



The AmeriCorps VISTA Impact App



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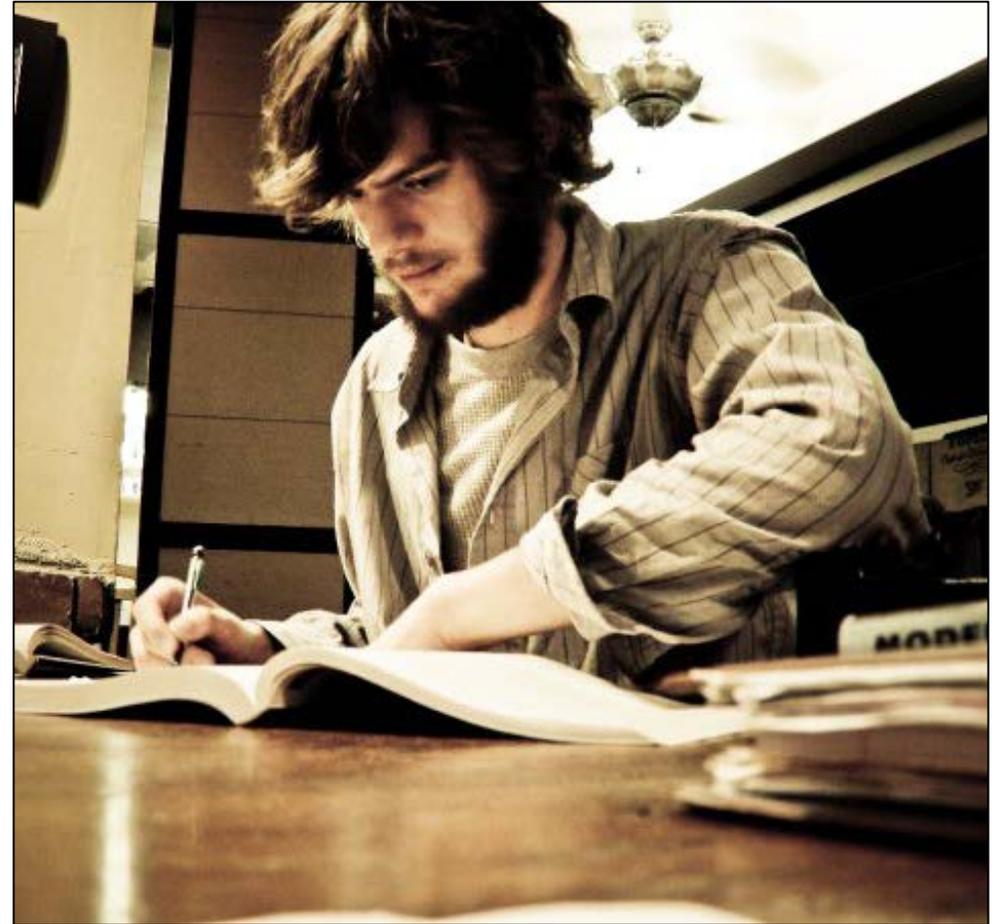
Step 3: Take Time to Learn

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



Learn Using Additional Resources

- Obtain a library card
- Research free educational opportunities online
- Check your organization's professional affiliations



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Share Your Thoughts:

What are some free educational resources you've used?

Step 4: Get Connected

- Complete your VISTA Campus user profile
- Add your pin to the VISTA Map
- Contribute to the Campus forums
- Attend or arrange a VISTA MeetUp
- Get in touch with local alumni



Get Connected: Show Your VISTA Pride

- Develop your minute message
- 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 Connected to Your Community

- Look for needs assessments, articles, and social media channels about your community
- Meet with community leaders and schedule site visits
- Participate in festivals, neighborhood meetings, and other community events



Four Steps to Action

- Step 1: Get Settled
- Step 2: Turn Your VAD Into Action
- Step 3: Take Time to Learn
- Step 4: Get Connected



Explore:

[Add this to my learning plan](#) 

- Visit the VISTA Campus Benefits Center
- Add a resource to your Learning Plan
- Make a connection using the Learning Connections feature and the VISTA Map

Share Your Thoughts:

What next step can you take today to continue your professional development journey?

Your Next Steps

- 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



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Thank You for Your Participation!

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**Helping SNAP Households Gain Self-Sufficiency
Through Employment and Training**

September 10, 2014

2:00 PM ET

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