

## AMERICORPS VISTA AGENDA SAMPLE Pre-Service Orientation (PSO)

### Opening Day/Night

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION/STAFF
1:30 – 6:00 pm	Check-in and Registration	VISTA & AFYA Staff
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner	
6:30 – 8:00 pm	<b>VISTA Large Group Welcome,</b> Facilitator Introductions, Logistics Review <b>VISTA History and Legacy</b> Video Response/VISTA Ethic	VISTA Staff, Cluster Training Coordinator (CTC), Facilitators

### Day 1

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION/STAFF
7:00 – 8:15 am	Breakfast	
8:30 – 10:00 am	<b>Your VISTA Development Plan (part 1)</b>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b> Facilitators
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break	
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Poverty in America: Personal Perspectives</b>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b> Facilitators
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Poverty Theories of Change</b>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b> Facilitators
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Break	
3:15 – 4:30 pm	<b>Navigating Your Service Year</b>	CNCS & VMSU Staff
4:45 – 5:30 pm	Optional - Child Care: For VISTAs with children under 13	VMSU Staff
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner	

## Day 2

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION/STAFF
7:00 – 8:15 am	Breakfast	
8:30 – 10:45 am	<b>Getting Started with Your VAD</b> <i>(15-minute break at 10 am)</i>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b> Facilitators
10:45 – 12:00 pm	<b>Workplace Values and Communication Styles</b>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b> Facilitators
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Problem Solving for VISTAs</b>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b> Facilitators
2:00 – 4:15 pm	<b>Resource Development</b> <i>(15-minute break at 2:45)</i>	
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner	

## Day 3

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION/STAFF
7:00 – 8:15 am	Check out and breakfast	
8:30 – 10:30 am	<b>Volunteer Mobilization</b>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b> Facilitators
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break	
10:45 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Your VISTA Development Plan (part 2)</b>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b> Facilitators
12:30 – 1:00 pm	<b>Swearing-in Ceremony: Oath, Closing Remarks</b> <i>Adjourn – Best wishes for a very successful year of service!</i>	VISTA Staff (large group)
1:00 pm	<i>Pick up box lunches and depart</i>	