Dear AmeriCorps VISTA member,

Thank you for serving with AmeriCorps VISTA. Your service helps your communities provide shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, job training for the unemployed, mentoring for students, access to economic opportunity, and volunteer opportunities for greater community engagement.

As your time as an AmeriCorps VISTA comes to a close, we would like to help you transition from a full time VISTA volunteer to a VISTA alumnus. As you look back at the experiences you’ve had this year, your spirit and enthusiasm paved the way for a year of serving your community. With this same spirit and enthusiasm, we hope you continue to enjoy a lifetime of service.

This guide provides information on how to stay involved with VISTA, connect with current alumni groups, and mentor and support new AmeriCorps VISTA members. I hope you’ll make use of this guide and become a resource to future VISTA members, helping to support the legacy of service for years to come.

Mary Strasser
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Engaging AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni

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Hello AmeriCorps VISTA Members, Leaders & Supervisors!

This guide was put together by a group of AmeriCorps VISTA Leaders commissioned by the Corporation for National and Community Service to participate in the Action Learning Challenge, “Engaging Alumni”.

We saw an opportunity to organize resources for you in an effort to encourage mutually beneficial partnerships between project staff and AmeriCorps VISTA alumni. AmeriCorps VISTA Alums can be a great asset to current AmeriCorps VISTA members, Leaders, and projects all over the country. Our alumni are amazing people doing amazing things, and there is enormous potential to continue to get things done for America when we work together.

We hope that this guide gives you some ideas and resources for engaging AmeriCorps VISTA alumni in a variety of capacities—participating in service projects, networking socially and professionally, supporting the next generation of VISTA members, and much more.

Our Action Learning Team thanks you for your service!

Josh, Del, Katie, & Justine
Now that you’ve finished your VISTA service, how can you stay involved?

Keep up with the organization where you served
You worked with them for a year. You know where they need help.

Tell people about your VISTA service.
Advocate for VISTA.

Submit stories of service on VISTA campus

Keep in touch through social media
Like AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni on Facebook.

Go to a PSO in your area to connect with new VISTAs.

Connect with VISTA projects in your area.
Offer to help VISTAs who are new to your area or volunteer with VISTA members on service days
Mentor new VISTAs, offer housing, or show them around town

Use VISTA Campus for Alumni

Join AmeriCorps Alums
Get to know great people! Check out their job resources.
If there is an Alums chapter in your area, join it! If not, start one!

Update your info on your My.AmeriCorps.gov account
Make it easy for CNCS to keep in touch with you.
VISTA Campus Alumni Page

Here’s what you can expect to find in the Alumni section of VISTA Campus
(http://vistacampus.org)
Join AmeriCorps Alums! It's easy and free.

About AmeriCorps Alums
AmeriCorps Alums is a community of experienced volunteer leaders who share a commitment to a vision of a more perfect America. It is a national network of over 600,000 alumni from AmeriCorps national service (including NCCC, State/National, VISTA and pre-AmeriCorps VISTA).

What They Do
AmeriCorps Alums’ mission is to fully realize the potential of national service alumni as leaders in communities. Their goal is to get alumni connected, equipped and engaged in order to foster their natural leadership drive and potential.

AmeriCorps Alums provides all alums --
- Connection to fellow alumni through searchable database and social media
- Cool gear to show off "AmeriPride"
- Access to low-cost higher education in public service
- Leadership programming to support public service career track

Features to check out on the website
Join a Local Chapter for social and service events.

Use the Career Center to search job listings, post your resume, take advantage of free resources like career coaching and job hunting tips.

Find out how to leverage your Segal AmeriCorps Education Award into an affordable degree in public service. Get information about schools that give scholarships for your service, match your education award, or give credit for AmeriCorps service.

Free online tax filing.
How to connect with VISTA Alumni

After you have left service, find other alums or other members in the area you served/live in

Check for an Alum group in your area. Look it up on www.americorpsalums.org or check with the state office. Alum groups are a great way for you to connect with former members and share your experience, and also to engage with current members or help recruit potential members.

VISTA Campus has a “Connect with Alumni” section that provides links to all their social media accounts. There is also a forum where you can connect with other Alums in your area. You can also use the forum to get advice from other associations or members that have created alumni groups.

“Like” VISTA's official Facebook page, http://www.Facebook.com/AmeriCorpsVISTAAlumni

AmeriCorpsAlum.org is a great place to find Alums. AmeriCorps Alums also has a Facebook page and Linked In group; consider joining these to get connected to other alums and to hear about upcoming events.

If there is no existing Alums group, you can start one yourself
  • You can use AmeriCorps Alums to start a new chapter – there is a a toolkit and the infrastructure to support these efforts

Find members that served/live in your area on the VISTA map www.thelistamap.org. Make sure you add your pin, if you haven’t yet.

Reconnect with your PSO training cohort. Most of the other VISTAs you met at PSO will also be completing their VISTA service and becoming alums. Get out your training roster and contact some of the people you’d connected with at PSO. Find out what they’ll be doing next, share your upcoming plans and see how they plan to use their VISTA experience in what comes next.

Talk with your site supervisor. Chances are he or she may still be in contact with the VISTAs who served in the past and could put you in touch.

Connect with your state office.
  • They are not able to give you names of people that served but can give a list of organizations that have had VISTAs. This is could be another approach to connect with current members.
  • Your state office may know about upcoming events where current members and alumni are likely to be present.

Participate in days of service, such as MLK Day of Service, Make a Difference Day, and others where VISTA projects are likely to participate. Check out various opportunities at Serve.gov.

Use social media. Create social media accounts like LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Google+ accounts for your group. You can use other social media accounts to try and recruit members or get ideas on events or how to engage members.

Go out into the community. Chances are that alums are in still serving in the community. If you find one, make and keep contact.
How to Start an AmeriCorps Alums Group

Steps to start to network and form an Alum group in your area

Check social media sites (like Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn) to see if there are any groups that are formed and join them. There are many Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts, so before you create another one make sure one does not already exist.

Check with the state office/AmeriCorps Alums to see if there is an existing organization. If not you can use AmeriCorps Alums Handbook to start a chapter with them. [http://www.americorpsalums.org/resource/resmgr/toolkit/complete_chapter_toolkit.pdf](http://www.americorpsalums.org/resource/resmgr/toolkit/complete_chapter_toolkit.pdf)

You can Receive Support from National AmeriCorps Alums Organization with:

- Dynamic [chapter homepage](http://www.americorpsalums.org) to communicate and organize Alums events on-line.
- [Website training](http://www.americorpsalums.org), to make the most of [www.americorpsalums.org](http://www.americorpsalums.org)
- [Chapter Start-up Toolkit](http://www.americorpsalums.org), loaded with sample documents, creative event ideas and best practices.
- Support from the online [Chapter Working Group](http://www.americorpsalums.org), and [Chapter Leader Conference Calls](http://www.americorpsalums.org).

You would be responsible for:

- **Leadership**
  - Contact person/Chapter Leader volunteers to establish a local AmeriCorps Alums chapter.

- **Webpage**
  - Creates a [chapter homepage](http://www.americorpsalums.org) on [www.americorpsalums.org](http://www.americorpsalums.org), with a welcome or introduction message from the Chapter Leader.

- **Chapter Members**
  - No minimum; Chapter Leader must be registered on [www.americorpsalums.org](http://www.americorpsalums.org)

- **Partnerships & Networking**
  - Chapter Leader builds relationships with:
    - State Service Commission
    - Local [Hands On Network Affiliate](http://www.americorpsalums.org) (if applicable)
    - Local AmeriCorps Programs
    - Local CNCS State VISTA Office
    - Other Chapter Leaders nation-wide

- **Fiscal Structure**
  - None required, but chapter should begin exploring potential [fiscal agents](http://www.americorpsalums.org) (local HandsOn Network affiliates, or other nonprofit partners).
Sample Communications
Sample emails that can be sent from Alums or Leaders/Supervisors to try and engage other Alums

From AmeriCorps VISTA Alum to AmeriCorps VISTA Alum

Dear Mary Smith,

Hi Mary! I saw your contact information on the VISTA Campus website and wanted to reach out to you—I recently moved here to Chicago after completing my VISTA year in South Carolina. I'd really like to connect with other Alums and stay involved in service here.

If you’re available to meet for lunch or coffee sometime, I’d love to chat and hear about your post-VISTA experience and learn more about the city—my schedule is flexible so just let me know!

I hope you’re having a good week and I look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,

Justine L. Suleski

From AmeriCorps VISTA Alum to AmeriCorps VISTA Member/Leader

Dear Mary Smith,

Hi Mary! I saw your pin on the VISTA Campus map and wanted to reach out to you. I am an AmeriCorps VISTA Alum and I’ve recently moved here to Chicago after completing my year of service in South Carolina. I’d really like to connect with AmeriCorps VISTA members who are currently serving and help out in any way needed.

If you’re available to meet for lunch or coffee sometime, I’d love to chat and hear about your experience so far—my schedule is flexible so just let me know!

I hope you’re having a good week and I look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,

Justine L. Suleski
Justine L. Suleski

From AmeriCorps VISTA Alum to Organization

Dear Habitat for Humanity,

My name is Justine Suleski and I’m an AmeriCorps VISTA Alum. I recently moved to Chicago after completing my year of service in South Carolina and I’m very excited to continue my love for service in my new community.

I reached out to the Illinois State Office and was told that your organization hosts VISTA members here. I would love to get involved in any way possible—perhaps by mentoring new VISTA members, coming to speak to them, participating in your service events, etc.

Please feel free to contact me if there’s any way I can be of assistance to your VISTA members/your VISTA program. I look forward to working together and good luck with your VISTA year!

Sincerely,
Justine L. Suleski

From AmeriCorps VISTA Leader/Supervisor to AmeriCorps VISTA Alum

Dear Mary Smith,

My name is Justine Suleski and I’m a VISTA Leader/Supervisor for the Illinois Affordable Housing Support Project. I saw your contact information on the VISTA Campus website and I wanted to introduce myself and reach out to the VISTA Alums in the area.

I completed my year of service in South Carolina and this year I’ll be based out of Chicago, although our project has VISTA members in other cities around the state. If you’re interested in getting involved, I would love for you to speak to my members/mentor/do a service project/etc. I think it would be so beneficial for them to hear about life after VISTA from someone who has gone through it!

We have 14 AmeriCorps VISTA members are serving with our project this year—recruiting volunteers, fundraising, advocating for homeownership and helping nonprofits achieve their mission. I would love if we could partner together to ensure their success this year!

I look forward to hearing from you and if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please don’t hesitate to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,
Justine L. Suleski
Social Media and Resource Links
Use social media to find members and alums, and see what others are doing in the community.

**National Service Links**
- VISTA Campus for Alumni
- AmeriCorps.gov Alumni Info
- AmeriCorps Alum
- Join Again Become a VISTA Leader
- You Tube – VISTA Outreach

**Facebook**
- AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni - Volunteers In Service To America
- AmeriCorps VISTA - Volunteers In Service To America
- AmeriCorps Alums
- VISTA Before AmeriCorps Facebook Group

**CNCS**
- Serve.gov
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
- AmeriCorps Week
- 9/11 Day Facebook Page

**LinkedIn**
- VISTA LinkedIn
- AmeriCorps Alums LinkedIn
- Habitat for Humanity AmeriCorps LinkedIn

**Blogs**
- United We Serve
- AmeriCorps VISTA Blog - HandsOn Network
- The VISTA Pulse

**By State and City**
*This is a sampling of existing sites and is not a comprehensive listing.*

**Alabama**
- Alabama Possible
- Serve Alabama

**Alaska**
- Alaska AmeriCorps VISTA Facebook Page
RuRAL CAP AmeriCorps Resources Blog
VISTA Energy Program VEP Alaska Facebook Page

Arizona
AmeriCorps VISTA in ARIZONA Facebook Group
Alliance of Arizona Non-Profits
UACE AmeriCorps VISTA Project

Arkansas
Audubon Arkansas Website
North Arkansas College Website

California
AmeriCorps and VISTA Roundtable Orange County Facebook Page
AmeriCorps VISTA - UCLA Bruin Corps Facebook Group
Bay Area Community Resources AmeriCorps*VISTA Facebook Page
CA AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni Facebook Page
California AmeriCorps*VISTA Facebook Page

Colorado
Serve Colorado Website
Weld VISTAs of United Way Facebook Page

Connecticut
Connecticut College AmeriCorps VISTA Program Website
Washburn University VISTA Program

D.C.
NeighborWorks VISTA Program Facebook Group

Delaware
Delaware Economic Development Office VISTA Program

Florida
AmeriCorps 20/20 VISTA Vision Project (Manatee County)
Florida Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Initiative Facebook Page

Georgia
AmeriCorps VISTA Members - United Way of NWGA Facebook Group
Augusta AmeriCorps*VISTA Page (Past and Present) Facebook Page
Metro Atlanta Chapter of AmeriCorps Alumni Alums Facebook Group

Hawaii
HIPICC/AmeriCorps*VISTA Project/SLP/PPP Facebook Group

Idaho
Idaho Read! VISTA Facebook Group

Illinois
AmeriCorps Alums Chicago Facebook Group
AmeriCorps Vista Illinois 2011-2012 Facebook Group

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Cra-Wa-La/AmeriCorps Vista: Illinois Juvenile Justice Council Project Facebook Page

Indiana
Indiana Campus Compact Website
Indiana Youth Institute Website

Iowa
AmeriCorps VISTA Johnson County Facebook Page
Dubuque AmeriCorps/Vista Facebook Group
Iowa Campus Compact Facebook Page
Volunteer Iowa Facebook Page

Kansas
Washburn University AmeriCorps Vista Facebook Page

Kentucky
AmeriCorps VISTA: Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky Facebook Group

Louisiana
Tulane AmeriCorps VISTA Facebook Page

Maine
AmeriCorps Alums: Portland Maine Chapter Facebook Page
Maine Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Alumni Facebook Group
Maine Commission for National Service Website

Maryland
Maryland & Delaware AmeriCorps/VISTA Volunteers Facebook Group

Massachusetts
MACC VISTA Alumni LinkedIn
MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA Blog

Michigan
Michigan's AmeriCorps Facebook Page
Michigan's AmeriCorps Alums Facebook Page
Michigan Community Service Commission Facebook Page

Minnesota
Habitat MN - AmeriCorps VISTA Facebook Page

Mississippi
Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service
America Reads Mississippi
Mississippi Delta Service Corps/AmeriCorps VISTA Alums

Missouri
Waynesville AmeriCorps &VISTA Facebook Page
AmeriCorps St Louis Alumni LinkedIn Group

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Montana
VISTA Blog

Nebraska
Nebraska VISTAs Facebook Page
AmeriCorps Vista 2011: Lincoln Facebook Group
Nebraska VISTA Blog

Nevada
Volunteers of America Northern Nevada Facebook Page

New Hampshire
AmeriCorps Alums New Hampshire LinkedIn

New Jersey
Bonner Network VISTA Project Wiki
NJ Campus Compact Program
NJ Department of State VISTA Program

New Mexico
New Mexico Forum for Youth
Help New Mexico VISTA Program

New York
The Service Collaborative of WNY (AmeriCorps VISTA) Facebook Page
NYCCAH AmeriCorps*VISTA Facebook Group

North Carolina
Lenoir-Rhyne AmeriCorps VISTA Facebook Page

North Dakota

Ohio
VISTA Alums in Ohio Facebook Group
Homeport Former and Current AmeriCorps/AmeriCorps VISTA Members LinkedIn

Oklahoma
Boys & Girls Clubs in Indian Country AmeriCorps VISTA Members Facebook Group

Oregon
UCAN AmeriCorps VISTA Coalition Facebook Group

Pennsylvania
Children & Youth AmeriCorps*VISTA Project of NW PA Facebook Page
AmeriCorps VISTA Philadelphia Facebook Group
AmeriCorps*VISTA NW PA Facebook Group
Children & Youth AmeriCorps*VISTA Project Facebook Group

Puerto Rico
PR Americorps Vista Members Facebook Group
AmeriCorps*VISTA de Puerto Rico Facebook Group

Rhode Island
Serve Rhode Island VISTA Program
Rhode Island Campus Compact VISTA Program

South Carolina
AmeriCorps*VISTA at The Citadel Facebook Page
Piedmont AmeriCorps*VISTA & Alumni Facebook Group

South Dakota
South Dakota AmeriCorps VISTA Facebook Group

Tennessee
Volunteer Tennessee AmeriCorps VISTA Website
Tennessee Campus Compact VISTA Webpage

Texas
TxCC VISTA Alumni Facebook Group

Utah
AmeriCorps VISTAS - Utah Facebook Group

Vermont
Vermont Youth Tomorrow AmeriCorps VISTA Program Facebook Page

Virginia
Arlington Read AmeriCorps Vista (or other employees) Alumni Facebook Group
Blue Star Family VISTA Program

Washington
Sound Youth VISTA and Notre Dame AmeriCorps-Seattle Facebook Page
AmeriCorps VISTA - Washington State Facebook Group

West Virginia
United Way of Central West Virginia AmeriCorps*VISTA Facebook Page
WV Five Promises VISTA Project
Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team

Wisconsin
Wisconsin Campus Compact AmeriCorps *VISTA Facebook Group
AmeriCorps & AmeriCorps *VISTA Members in the Madison Area Facebook Group

Wyoming
Serve Wyoming Website
Raising Readers in Wyoming VISTA Program
National Service Related Twitter Accounts

@NationalService - The Corporation for National and Community Service improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.

@VISTAbuzz - Follow and share the buzz ... AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) ... working to end poverty since 1965.

@ServeDotGov - We inspire, equip, and mobilize national service alumni to fully realize their potential as change agents and civic leaders in communities.

@SeniorCorps - Senior Corps helps today’s over 55’s to contribute their job skills and expertise to community projects and organizations.

@AmeriCorps - This is a broadcast only, unmonitored twitter feed. AmeriCorps is a chance to apply your skills toward helping others and meeting needs in the community.

@NCVS - The National Conference on Volunteering & Service is the world’s largest gathering of leaders from nonprofit, government, & corporate sectors.

@AmeriCorpsWeek - A dedicated week every spring to shine a spotlight on AmeriCorps and to motivate more Americans to serve.

@MLKDay - Help make this year’s MLK Day a huge success!

@ServiceNation - Answer President Obama’s call to service. | Official United We Serve twitter account, administered by the Corporation for National & Community Service.

@AmeriCorpsAlums - To inspire a new era of voluntary citizen service in America.

@HandsOnNetwork - Our vision is that one day every person will discover their power to make a difference, creating healthy communities and vibrant democracies around the world.

@HandsOnCorps - HandsOn Corps connects HandsOn AmeriCorps and National Direct members. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to learn more about nonprofit work!

@ChallengeGov - Prize & recognition awards for driving innovation & developing solutions with technology & creativity. Enter, vote, share! Government Challenges, Your Solutions.

@Idealist - Helping people turn their good intentions to action since 1995.

@OppNation - A campaign to increase opportunity and economic mobility in America.

@NSLC - The National Service-Learning Clearinghouse: America's most comprehensive service-learning resource.

@Campus_Compact - A coalition of college and university presidents dedicated to promoting community service, civic engagement, and service-learning in higher education.
@Voices4Service - Coalition of national service organizations, state commissions, and personal champions committed to advocating for the power of service.

Sampling of VISTAbuzz Twitter Followers

@DCAmeriCorps - News from the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the AmeriCorps Leadership Council.

@WaynesvilleVIST - VISTA (Volunteer In Service To America) in the Waynesville, Missouri area.

@SoundYouth - Sound Youth improves the lives of youth by placing AmeriCorps VISTA members at partner nonprofits. Our mission: youth empowerment, social justice and service.

@NJBonnerVISTA - New Jersey Bonner AmeriCorps VISTA Fellows Program is a national volunteer service program in the Trenton and New Brunswick, NJ.

@GreenIowaAC - A community service organization dedicated to energy education, home weatherization, and outreach to enrich both the community and participants.

@HandsOnTechATL - HandsOn Tech is a national program focused on increasing the nonprofit sector’s effective use of technology.

@N2TexasCorps - Partnering with almost 20 community agencies to provide after-school tutoring and other community assistance programs. Getting things done in Dallas!

@WIHealthCorps - Change will come when we get it done! Community Health Workers across Wisconsin! An AmeriCorps program. Tweets provided by staff and members

@CalSERVES - We engage AmeriCorps members in service opportunities to create healthy communities throughout CA. Tweeting about service, literacy, after school & nutrition.

@NeighboringNOLA and @HandsOnNOLA - Neighboring AmeriCorps VISTAs working to promote resident engagement in Central City and the 7th Ward.

@TulaneVISTA - Helping alleviate poverty with passion in the New Orleans area.

@VolunteersoAZ - Volunteer Southern Arizona inspires, prepares and mobilizes people and organizations to strengthen the community through service.

@HabitatDane - Bringing the Madison area together to build affordable homes for families in need. Building Houses, Changing Lives.

@Csun_Habitat – We are a Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit organization that aims to eliminate poverty housing worldwide.

@FITNHVISTA - The Families in Transition VISTA Program is the largest network of AmeriCorps VISTA members living and serving throughout the state of New Hampshire.
@UACEDVISTA - All re-posts made by this organization do not necessarily reflect the views of this organization, and are meant for information purposes only.

@SSUServe_Learn - Facilitating service-learning opportunities at Salem State University.

@MACampusCompact - Partnering with higher ed to develop the civic skills of students, build partnerships in communities, and integrate civic engagement with teaching & research.

@JCC_VISTA - Volunteer in Service to America at Jackson Community College! Learn more about education, poverty, and service in America and Jackson, MI.

@MCCVISTA - Michigan Campus Compact VISTAs help college and universities instill a culture of service in their student body through service-learning and civic engagement.

@FreeMowHFH - Freeborn-Mower Habitat for Humanity located in Southern Minnesota. We strive to improve our communities and provide decent, affordable, sustainable housing.

@Volunteer_Macon - Your source for Volunteer Opportunities in Middle Georgia! http://www.facebook.com/Volunteer.Macon http://www.youtube.com/user/VolunteerMacon on Macon, GA · http://www.handsommacon.org/

@AmyPotthast - I educate people about careers + grad school; coordinate St. Johns Village Project; am a grad student in Adult Ed @ OSU.

@CityYearNewYork - posting all things CYNY. give a year. change the world.

@HandsOnCorps - HandsOn Corps connects HandsOn AmeriCorps and National Direct members. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to learn more about nonprofit work!.

@VISTA_Recovery - An organization of people helping to rebuild Cedar Rapids after the Flood of 2008. Cedar Rapids, IA · http://www.vistacorridorrecovery.org

@hfhscmn - Habitat for Humanity of South Central MN.

@HabitatWestHI - Aloha! I am the AmeriCorps VISTA for Habitat for Humanity West Hawaii. We are here to serve our wonderful community through our ReStore and building homes!-Erin

@FoxCitiesHfH - Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity. Building Houses. Changing Lives.

@get_things_done - Official SF Bay Area Chapter Twitter. We are part of a network of over half a million alumni from AmeriCorps national service.

@AIDS_U_ChiTown - We are team chicago! 9 strong! 9 passionate individuals with service in our hearts. Follow us thru our year of service!

@JCC_VISTA - Volunteer in Service to America at Jackson Community College! Learn more about education, poverty, and service in America and Jackson, MI.

@NTXAlums - Getting things done in North Texas.

@MIAmeriCorps - Getting Things Done in Michigan!
State Office List

ATLANTIC CLUSTER
Connecticut (860) 240-3237 ct@cns.gov
Delaware/Maryland (410) 962-4443 md@cns.gov
District of Columbia (202) 606-6818 dc@cns.gov
Massachusetts (617) 565-7017 ma@cns.gov
New Hampshire/Maine/Vermont (603) 225-1450 nh@cns.gov
New Jersey (609) 989-0474 nj@cns.gov
New York (518) 431-4150 ny@cns.gov
Pennsylvania (215) 597-2806 pa@cns.gov
Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands (787) 766-5314 pr@cns.gov
Rhode Island (401) 528-5424 ri@cns.gov

NORTH CENTRAL CLUSTER
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Indiana (317) 226-6726 in@cns.gov
Iowa (515) 284-4816 ia@cns.gov
Michigan (313) 226-7848 mi@cns.gov
Minnesota (612) 334-4083 mn@cns.gov
Nebraska (402) 437-5474 ne@cns.gov
North Dakota/South Dakota (605) 224-5996 nd_sd@cns.gov
Ohio (614) 469-7441 oh@cns.gov
Wisconsin (414) 297-1118 wi@cns.gov

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California (310) 235-7421 ca@cns.gov
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Idaho (208) 334-1645 id@cns.gov
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Wyoming (307) 772-2385 wy@cns.gov
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Supervisors and Leaders Section

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VISTA Leaders & Project Supervisors: Don’t lose a valuable resource!

Keep in touch with your VISTA members after their service ends.

Ideas for keeping them involved:
- Invite them to help with training.
- Invite them to social events.
- Invite them to volunteer with your VISTAs on days of service.
- Invite them to give community tours to VISTAs that have moved to the area.

Encourage them to use VISTA Campus Alumni Page and AmeriCorps Alums.

Do your VISTA alums disappear? Here are some tips for keeping them around.

- Build team spirit and support networks during VISTA service so your VISTAs stay invested as alumni.
- Collect exit surveys, and pay attention to feedback.
- Maintain your contact list.
- Start an Alum Group to keep them involved.
Sample Exit Interview

Name: ___________________________________ Age: __________

1. Did you relocate to serve? Yes  No

2. At the time you applied to AmeriCorps, what level of education had you completed? ______________________________________

3. Did you owe money on educational loans? Yes  No

4. What project/site did you serve with? ______________________________________

5. At your site did you serve solo or with a team of AmeriCorps members? Solo  Team

6. What is the primary issue area of the service of your project? ______________________________________

7. Did you complete your full term of service? Yes  No

8. If you are leaving a VISTA program BEFORE your term is over, please indicate the main reason for your leaving: ______________________________________

9. How likely are you to continue your formal education at some point? __________________

10. If your AmeriCorps experience influenced your educational plans, please tell us how. ______________________________________

10. Now that you have finished service, what do you plan to do? __________________

11. What is the most significant lesson you will carry with you after your AmeriCorps service? ______________________________________
12. What is your most significant accomplishment for the community (your legacy) this year?
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13. What would you NOT change about your AmeriCorps experience or program?
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14. Would you advise a friend to join AmeriCorps VISTA?
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15. What advice would you give someone who is just starting their VISTA service?
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Adapted from the Maine Commission for Community Service AmeriCorps member exit survey, September 2011

* For more examples, please visit the “Can I Get a Copy of that?” Section of VISTA Campus - Leader*