

VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

VISTA Position Title: Engagement & Opioid Prevention Coordinator VISTA

Sponsoring Organization: UNITED WAY OF THE PIEDMONT

Project Name: VISTAs in the Piedmont

Project Number:

Project Period: 08/04/2018– 08/3/2019

Host Site Name: United Way of the Piedmont

Focus Area(s)

Primary: Healthy Futures

Note:

If your VAD is not accepted, the State Office will note the reason(s) why here.

VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities

Goal of the Project: To support the efforts of the Behavioral Health Taskforce and the Financial Stability Taskforce. The VISTA member will work to engage other community partners in the work of the Taskforce. There is a cross over focus of substance abuse that impacts both Taskforces. Support efforts in our community related to Suicide Prevention and education for school-age children. Research related to new initiatives and programs that come out of the Taskforce meetings, help to research and identify funding streams as needed. Aid in the development and trainings for a Transportation Ride Share pilot program. Work closely with the Housing Workgroup in order to identify strategies to move our community toward a diversified housing plan. Assist in strategies to extend day care hours for caregivers that work extended or second shifts.

Objective of the Assignment (08/04/2018 – 08/03/2019)

Recruit and engage stakeholders to progress the mission of Taskforces.

Member Activities:

1. Attend community meetings to identify key stakeholders who will help to fulfill the mission of the appropriate Taskforce.
2. Aid staff in developing outreach materials used in presentations.
3. Assist staff in identifying barriers to sector engagement and potential strategies to remedy.
4. Work specifically with the FS Taskforce to empower the members to act and inspire frequent communication.

Objective of the Assignment (08/04/2018 – 08/03/2019)

Collaborate with United Way of the Piedmont's Behavioral Health Taskforce on all projects and initiatives but specifically there will be a heightened focus related to addressing suicide prevention.

Member Activities:

1. Attend Behavioral Health Taskforce meetings and serve on Taskforce subcommittees related to suicide prevention.
2. Research and develop best practices for suicide prevention programs in

collaboration with various Taskforce members.

3. Work closely with Mental Fitness in identifying partners and communicating and coordinating information and meetings with the 7 school districts related to suicide prevention and education efforts.

Objective of the Assignment (08/04/2018 – 08/03/2019)

Assist with development and implementation of a new Community Impact Outcome Measurement Plan

Member Activities:

1. Collect data and best practices from other funders related to implementation of a comprehensive grant focused outcome measurement plan.
2. Assist with analyzing the data gathered from funded programs in order to demonstrate broader community impact to the community.

Objective of the Assignment (08/04/2018 – 08/03/2019)

Support the work of the Financial Stability Taskforce.

Member Activities:

1. Attend the quarterly meetings as well as the workgroup meetings
2. Support the implementation and training of the Transportation Grant
3. Support community efforts around development of a county-wide affordable housing plan and affordable, extended shift childcare efforts.

Objective of the Assignment (08/04/2018 – 08/03/2019)

VISTAs will spend 10% of their service participating in a supplemental project designed to foster collaboration and problem-solving for (a) community-wide issue(s). The VISTA team will gather one half-day each week to share different perspectives and experiences gained through their work on-site and work together on (a) project(s).