



# AmeriCorps

## 2-1-1 and Housing Support VISTA

Please consider this exciting opportunity to contribute to our mission, gain valuable work experience and receive a small living allowance all at the same time.

All United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley AmeriCorps VISTA assignments will expand capacity towards population level goals across the region. UWGLV strives to create population level change in areas of education, food access, healthy aging and emergency services to ensure individuals who experience crisis have the supports they need to rebound. The UWGLV VISTA project focuses on strengthening the networks of providers that deliver services to address concerns and through working with UWGLV staff they support the efforts across all four-issue areas. VISTAs address issues at the programmatic and system levels seeking to identify and deal with the root causes by utilizing the collective impact framework.

An AmeriCorps VISTA assignment is a federal volunteer opportunity for which you commit to a year of service and receive a living allowance. Participants must be 18 years of age and have a combination of community service and/or equivalent college experience. They receive an end-of-service stipend or education award, health coverage, training, a relocation allowance, a living allowance and childcare assistance if eligible. The work is full-time; VISTAs are permitted to do paid part-time work during their assignment to supplement their income. Our AmeriCorps VISTAs work closely with our community impact team, assignments are based in our UW office, school districts, partner agencies and community schools.

### Service Opportunity Description

The 2-1-1 VISTA will effectively support United Way by enhance existing services and to increase community awareness about 2-1-1. They will gather and enter data on new services available within the community to assist those living in poverty in Lehigh, Northampton and Carbon counties and entering those resources into the 2-1-1 database. They will verify the accuracy of current information that is available and build out processes and procedures for referral services. The VISTA member will support integration and mobilization of current partners for increased community engagement and awareness. They will assist with development, implementation and evaluation of best practices for policies and procedures for 2-1-1. Through community outreach, the VISTA member will educate the public about the role of 2-1-1 and identify and develop new partnerships with human and social service providers.

This assignment is full-time and requires a 1 year commitment. The position is based at United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

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