

# BASD Community Schools Alignment VISTA

The BASD Community School Support VISTA will support the nine schools in the district that are in some stage of Community Schools development to ensure that all schools create strong practices that align to national standards. The VISTA will build district's capacity in three major areas: 1. Research recommendations from the Community Schools Needs Assessment, schedule and support regular meetings to standardize the work and support the schools, information sharing from schools to district level 2. Coordinate supports, services and information sharing throughout the network (internally/externally) by holding and supporting regular meetings with Community School Coordinators, VISTAs and the Lehigh Valley Community Schools Network Director 3. Creation, distribution and collection of Trauma-related and attendance related surveys around status of work in community schools and with district office and make recommendations to grow, standardize, align and improve the work.

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.

The United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley has committed to a goal of increasing the number of students reading on grade level by 2022. To reach this goal we will mobilize and coordinate a host of community partners to join the movement, align their efforts, raise the quality of strategies and programs delivered and value and celebrate a collective impact with students and families. We will accomplish this goal by leveraging individual, programmatic and systemic changes intentionally brought about through the implementation of the United Way Community School Model.

An AmeriCorps VISTA assignment is unpaid and lasts for one year. 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 team, assignments are based in our UW office, school districts and community schools. 18 assignments are currently posted.

Interested candidates must apply through the <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps> website. To find our listings go to the Advance Search (<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/publicRequestSearch.do>) and search for all opportunities with UWGLV in the program name (leave the program type and state blank).

If you have questions you may contact Jennifer Nicolosi, United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley VISTA Manager, 610-807-5741, [jennifern@unitedwayglv.org](mailto:jennifern@unitedwayglv.org)

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