

### Unidos Foundation 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

Unidos Foundation strives to build strong relationships with the community, by valuing lived experiences and insight on what is needed to achieve a better quality of life. The Unidos Foundation VISTA will support Unidos' growth and build sustainability in project areas such as safety, education and social inclusion. The VISTA will engage in the following activities: (1) Research metrics and assessments used to gauge the effectiveness of programs categorized as community initiatives under the three categories mentioned above. (2) Research grant opportunities available to address the needs of the community. (3) Work with the executive director to write grant proposals. (4) Create a data collection tool for a community needs assessment and perform a gap analysis of findings. Finally, (5) Create a communication system with the community to report back the outcomes of events and projects.

This assignment is full-time and requires a 1 year commitment. The position is based at Unidos Foundation.

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