



# AmeriCorps

## Food Programs Coordinator 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 Food Programs Coordinator VISTA will aid the YMCA's work in education and food access. The role's key objectives are consolidating, organizing, and implementing an association-wide system of menu planning, food ordering, monitoring, tracking, and reporting. The VISTA will focus on research and plan for nutrition-related, healthy living and recreational curriculum and programming. Through this work, the VISTA member will increase awareness of food insecurity and poverty and their root causes across the Greater Lehigh Valley. They will assist with summer meals promotion via flyers, social media, and direct outreach. Overall, the work will contribute to building the capacity of the Greater Valley YMCA working on innovative food access programming. This assignment is full-time and requires a 1-year commitment. The position is based at the Greater Valley YMCA.

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