



AmeriCorps

Age-Friendly Lehigh Valley 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 Age-Friendly LV VISTA will support the growth of the regional plan for an Age-Friendly Lehigh Valley community. The VISTA will grow awareness about social isolation and the impact it has on the health and well-being of older adults. The VISTA will also support activities that increase education and awareness and connection to resources for caregivers of those with dementia and connection to resources in general. The VISTA will build relationships with organizations participating in the Senior Appreciation bags to assess resources and connect them with opportunities to expand on programming and services. They will support effective management of the coalitions and workgroups by developing communication processes that include preparation and distribution of new materials and resources to be shared among members and outside groups. The VISTA will encourage and promote intergenerational community cooperation by engaging individuals of different ages to increase social connectedness and promote the Age-Friendly LV plan.

The 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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