



## **Women, Infant and Children/Child Nutrition Programs Outreach VISTA Associate**

### **Positions Available**

The Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), in partnership with Hunger Free America, has openings for an anti-hunger VISTA Associate in its state-based initiative headquartered in the District of Columbia to help build capacity for the federal nutrition programs in that state. This position is a yearlong AmeriCorps/VISTA placement with FRAC's D.C. programs. When it is safe to return to the office, this position will require some in-person meetings and work.

### **Organizational Background – The Food Research & Action Center**

FRAC is the nation's leading policy and advocacy organization dedicated to fighting hunger and injustice. FRAC works to improve and implement effective public policies and public-private partnerships to eradicate hunger and undernutrition in the United States. FRAC engages in research, policy analysis and advocacy, coalition-building, outreach, technical assistance and training, and an array of communications strategies. In partnership with hundreds of national, state, and local nonprofit organizations, public agencies, corporations, and labor organizations, FRAC addresses hunger and food insecurity, and poverty as their root cause.

D.C. Hunger Solutions (DCHS) is a FRAC initiative working to create local hunger-free communities and to improve the nutrition, health, economic security, and well-being of low-income residents.

### **About the Anti-Hunger Corps**

The Anti-Hunger Corps VISTA program aims to reduce hunger and, poverty, and build the capacity of the agencies that address these issues. Members will build the capacity of the organization to assist unemployed and under-employed people obtain job training, job placement, and financial literacy services; improve access to food from government and nonprofit sources for targeted populations in particular and food insecure people in general; enable residents of food deserts to access healthier foods through farmers markets and community gardens; help more low-income children to obtain free school breakfasts and summer meals; enable nonprofit groups fighting hunger and poverty to raise more money and recruit and manage more volunteers, particularly high-impact and skilled volunteers.

### **Goals and responsibilities of the summer associate include:**

- Assist in the management of the outreach for the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women Infant Children (WIC) and Child Nutrition Programs (CN).

- Recruitment and training of WIC/CN outreach volunteers.
- Assist in WIC/CN outreach.
- Assist in educating WIC/CN customers in expanded WIC/CN programs (Online WIC/CN).
- Utilize social media to promote WIC/CN outreach.
- Assist in research projects documenting the use of federal nutrition programs.
- Collaborate with existing partner agencies- including community and faith-based organizations as well as local social service agencies.
- Assist targeted outreach for the WIC/CN.
- Assist in research projects documenting the use of federal nutrition programs.

### **Skills and Qualifications**

- Associate or Bachelor's degree in a field related to social justice/anti-hunger.
- Good oral and written communications skills. Ability to present and speak in public on behalf of the organization.
- Detail-oriented planning and implementation skills.
- Willingness to work varied hours.
- Good organizational skills.
- Self-starter; ability to work independently.
- Excellent interpersonal skills; team orientation.
- Evidence of commitment to social justice; experience with SNAP/food stamp program a plus.
- Knowledge or interest in child nutrition and hunger-related issues.
- Experience with Microsoft Office Suite products with ability to use Excel for data collection preferred.
- Conversant in Spanish, a plus.
- Ability to travel for local meetings and events when it is safe to do so.

### **Time Commitment**

This is a one-year, full-time position beginning in October 2022. You are expected to be available for the needs of your community and project at all times, including days, nights and weekends. Because AmeriCorps VISTA service requires a full immersion in the project and community, there are restrictions on outside full-time employment, along with some restrictions on political and religious activities. For more information, please review the AmeriCorps VISTA Terms, Conditions and Benefits information available here - <https://americorps.gov/serve>

### **Housing:**

You are responsible for finding your own housing.

### **Program Benefits**

- Bi-weekly living stipend (DC - \$791.70).
- Segal Education Award (\$6,195) or End-of-Service stipend (\$1,800).
- Health benefits.
- Housing assistance for one-month rent.
- Potential to forbear or defer student loans while in service.
- Relocation assistance (if applicable).
- Childcare assistance (if applicable).
- One-year non-competitive status for federal government positions.
- A network of over 180,000 AmeriCorps VISTA members and alums.

### **To Apply**

Click [here](#) to submit a resume, along with 2 references.

Please no phone calls.

FRAC strongly encourages individuals who can contribute to the diversity of the organization and with a passion for social justice to apply.

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