



**NATIONAL
NURSE-LED CARE
CONSORTIUM**
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AMERICORPS VISTA

LINKING HEALTH AND HOUSING

AmeriCorps VISTA members understand the unique needs of public housing residents. They work with health centers and public housing authorities to reduce disparities and improve health outcomes.

WHY PARTNER WITH HOUSING?

The simple fact is health care and housing are linked. Access to stable housing is a social determinant of health, and patient health improves when health care providers work with housing authorities.

Separately, health centers and housing authorities cannot address all patient and resident needs. By partnering, health centers and housing authorities can leverage their resources to meet common goals.

HOW AMERICORPS VISTA CAN HELP YOU

- Maximize coordination between health centers and housing authorities
- Enroll residents in wellness programs
- Strengthen existing programs
- Develop strategies for sustainable partnerships
- Coordinate with community organizations

AMAZING IMPACT OF ONE NNCC AMERICORPS VISTA

226 clients participated in education programs

7 residents meetings organized by the NNCC VISTA

27 community need assessments completed

Wallace Medical Concern project, 2015-16

AmeriCorps VISTA Linking Health and Housing

SUCCESS STORY

BERKS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER AND READING HOUSING AUTHORITY

VISTA members have created wellness programs at the Reading Housing Authority including a healthy cooking class, wellness resident committees, organizing community gardens, and an innovative texting educational program for young mothers called “Text4babies.”



SUCCESS STORY

FAMILY PRACTICE & COUNSELING NETWORK AND YORK HOUSING AUTHORITY

VISTA members have developed healthcare access plans for residents and assisted with developing an effective referral system to promote an entryway into the health care system for YHA residents and the surrounding community.

SUCCESS STORY

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CHESTER COUNTY

VISTA members have developed an expansive and diverse volunteer bank and coordinated over twenty health and wellness events ranging from nutrition classes, gardening and budgeting workshops, and health screening for the housing authority’s Supportive Services Division.

BACKGROUND

The National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) is a non-profit member organization that supports and advocates for nurse leaders. AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) members commit to one full-time year of service on a specific project at a host organization.

To learn how AmeriCorps VISTA can help you effectively partner with your local public housing authority, contact Christine Simon csimon@ncc.us.