



Job Title: VISTA Oklahoma Partnership for Expanded Learning Afterschool & Summer Meal Expansion

Job Description & Qualifications:

In partnership with AmeriCorps VISTA, Oklahoma Partnership for Expanded Learning (OPEL) is implementing new and progressive initiatives to improve access to nutritious afterschool and summer meals for low-income youth throughout Oklahoma and we are looking for a passionate, mission-driven individual to join our team.

Offering meals after school and in the summer are demonstrated factors in students' regular participation in enrichment and academic support programs after school and in the summer intersession. Schools, programs and community providers have an opportunity to end hunger among low income children in their communities, but program knowledge, operational barriers and other obstacles have impeded widespread expansion of these meal programs.

The Afterschool and Summer Meals Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) will work to expand access to the federal afterschool and summer meal programs through collaboration with community partners and support afterschool and summer programs as they seek federal nutrition resources.

AmeriCorps VISTA Program

The AmeriCorps VISTA program is the national service program designed to help alleviate poverty in underserved communities around the United States. VISTA members are passionate and dedicated individuals that make a year-long, full-time commitment to serve on a specific project at a nonprofit organization or public agency. VISTAs focus their efforts to build the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of organizations in order to improve the organization's overall sustainability. As a VISTA member you will develop professional experience in community development, partnership building, advocacy and program management. VISTA members receive many benefits during their year of service including: A modest living stipend, choice of Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (\$5,775) or End-of-Service stipend (\$1,500), health care options, childcare assistance, relocation and travel reimbursement and training opportunities.

For more information about the AmeriCorps VISTA program, please visit:
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps/ameri-corps-vista>.

Responsibilities and Tasks

- Become knowledgeable about afterschool and summer meal program requirements
- Identify critical gaps of service and develop plans to increase knowledge of nutrition programs
- Identify afterschool programs eligible for funding
- Host a summit or issues conference on implementing the meal programs
- Partner with food advocate organizations to increase engagement of non-school partners
- Work with afterschool and summer programs to identify operational barriers or policy obstacles and develop potential solutions to remove these challenges
- Research innovative practices and strategies that other cities have used to expand afterschool and summer meal programs
- Develop a resource map of federal afterschool and summer meal programs in Oklahoma.
- Create sustainable solutions for identified resource gaps.
- Conduct community outreach and support afterschool and summer programs applying for federal meal programs.
- Create a marketing campaign for federal afterschool and summer meal programs.
- Research state and national anti-hunger best practices.

Job Function: Food insecurity

How to Apply: To apply, please send resume to megan.stanek@opelok.org and please complete the application available at:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=69979&fromSearch=true>.

Employment Type: Full-Time

Application Deadline: Open until filled

Location: Oklahoma City, OK

Education Requirement: 4-years

Preferred skills: Knowledge of and experience with community organizing principles and food accessibility

Professional Level: Entry

Salary Range: VISTA members receive a monthly stipend of around \$990 per month, plus healthcare, an end of service education award of \$5,775 OR an end of service cash stipend of \$1,500, student loan forbearance (if the education award is elected), childcare allowance may be provided if eligibility requirements are met. Ability to keep any government assistance you are already receiving before you join the program.

Benefits: Choice of Segal Education Award or End of Service Stipend, Relocation Allowance, Childcare Assistance (if eligible), AmeriCorps VISTA Healthcare Allowance or Health Benefit Plan, Training