

Make a Difference in Your Community- Change a Life!

There is a new opportunity in Delaware through the Corporation for National and Community Service's AmeriCorps Volunteer In Service To America (VISTA) program! This exciting opportunity is set to launch in February 2010. Five AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers are needed to coordinate the volunteer mentoring program through assignment at one of the three designated partner affiliate sites in New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties, as well as through assignment at the Division of Family Services and State Office of Volunteerism offices in New Castle County. In addition to the five VISTA volunteers, the program is also seeking to fill approximately 50 mentor volunteer slots in all three Counties.

VISTA benefits include:

A living allowance

Health benefits

An educational award or an end-of-service cash stipend following the end of one full year of service.

The VISTA Foster Care Mentoring Program will pair people currently in either the Foster Care system or receiving Independent Living Services, between the approximate ages of 16-21, with mentor volunteers. Together they will work on goals, directions, and independent living skills. The goal is for the volunteer mentors to develop a long-term mentoring relationship with the individuals they serve. As such, a minimum commitment of one full year is required of VISTA volunteers.

To find out more about this exciting new program, or to volunteer as a VISTA volunteer or mentor volunteer, please contact the Delaware Americorps Program Executive Director/ State Office of Volunteerism Administrator, Andy Kloepfer, via E-mail at Andy.Kloepfer@state.de.us

This program is a partnership between The Delaware State Office of Volunteerism and the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families/Division of Family Services, and additional partner/host sites, has created a new Foster Care Mentoring Program