

STAY IN SCHOOL

Our Mission is Simple – *“Helping Today’s Kids Stay in School Today for a brighter future Tomorrow.”*

Column A AmeriCorps*VISTA Project Plan	Column B Date(s)	Column C to be completed during service year
<p><u>GOAL I</u> Studies have found that kids are more likely to stay in school if they have a positive role model demonstrating the benefits of staying in school. An Americorps VISTA member would develop a mentoring program.</p> <p><u>ACTIVITY 1</u> – Research existing mentoring programs and determine best practices.</p> <p><u>ACTIVITY 2</u> – Develop a stable mentoring program for kids in our service area, including a recruitment plan .</p> <p><u>ACTIVITY 3</u> – Recruit 10 mentors and 10 participants for a mentoring program in our service area.</p> <p>Results:</p> <p><u>Outputs:</u> VISTA member to research the benefits of mentoring programs, and identify best practices.</p> <p><u>End Outcomes:</u> A mentoring program will be developed with ongoing commitments from at least ten mentors and ten participants.</p>	<p>Q 1-4</p> <p>Q 1</p> <p>Q 1-4</p> <p>Q 2-3</p>	
<p><u>GOAL II</u> We have found that area schools are an excellent partner in our efforts. Until now, our partnerships have been informal. The VISTA member will work to formalize partnerships.</p> <p><u>ACTIVITY 1</u> - Identify ten schools in our service area where the poverty-rate is the highest.</p> <p><u>ACTIVITY 2</u> - Build a relationship with identified schools, communicate our program goals,</p>		

establish method for working together.

Results:

Outputs:

VISTA member to research and create a list of all the schools in the low-income range

VISTA member to target ten schools with the highest low-income population.

Immediate Outcomes:

VISTA member to work with school contacts to market and recruit for the STAY IN SCHOOL mentoring program.

End Outcomes:

VISTA member develops formal partnerships with 5 area schools.

50% of program recruitment occurs through these partnerships.

Q 1-4

Q 1

Q 2-3

Q 2-4

GOAL III

One of the ways Stay in School has been so successful is through our ongoing efforts to recognize the successes of our participants. Whether mentoring is an influence in a child's decision to pursue a college education, a technical skill, or travel the world, the benefits are enormous. "It's Your Future" is our annual, communitywide event that celebrates the future of our youth. It also brings attention to our organization and is our primary fundraiser for the year.

ACTIVITY 1 – WORK WITH IT'S YOUR FUTURE COMMITTEE TO Recruit local, regional, and national sponsors for this event. Help develop a plan to recognize sponsors.

ACTIVITY 2 – Recruit vendors for this event. Identify vendors who are able to offer workshops during this event.

ACTIVITY 3 – Other fundraising and grantwriting as assigned.

RESULTS

Column A
AmeriCorps*VISTA Project Plan

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Make as many copies of the project plan worksheets as needed.