



Impact Report



The VISTA Impact:

VISTA members help people out of poverty. They create and expand programs by developing systems, leveraging resources, improving communications, coordinating programming, developing fundraising campaigns, creating volunteer positions, and so much more!



At the end of 2016, **131 VISTA members** provided the capacity building support to **330 sites** across the state of Minnesota.

Community Volunteers Mobilized

7,898

94,098

Hours Served by Community Volunteers

Cash and In-Kind Resources Leveraged **\$5,248,447**

Program Highlights:

Minnesota AmeriCorps VISTA Programs focuses on three specific areas:

- ◆ Economic Opportunity
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Healthy Futures

Improved Health Access

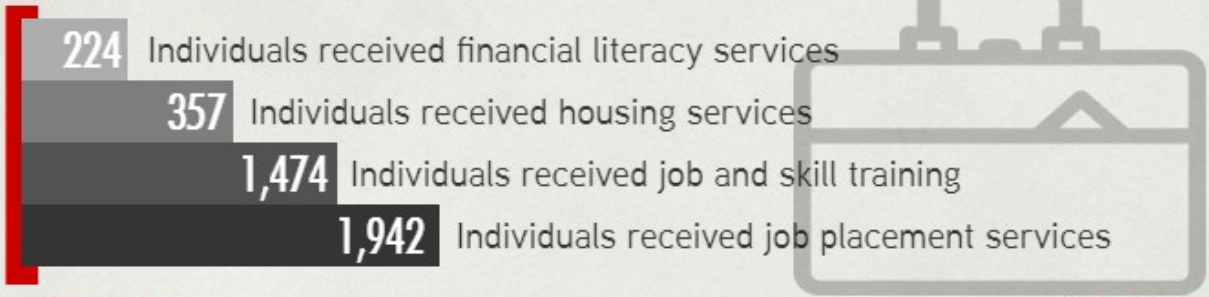
VISTA members created health care access statewide. Through the Minnesota Campus Compact's College Health Corps VISTA program, they have engaged 9,137 volunteers in 102,427 hours of service, resulting in over 74,413 low-income individuals with improved access to health services and 44,052 participating in health education activities. For instance, VISTA activities have opened a dental teaching clinic so advanced students could provide free/reduced cost dental care to uninsured individuals and a resource center on a community college campus so low-income students could access food, health insurance enrollment, and referrals to care.

College is Possible

AmeriCorps VISTA built infrastructure at College Possible and provided the necessary foundation for five new sites where AmeriCorps members could serve students directly. As a result, the program grew from supporting one high school in St. Paul to over 48 schools across the country. This infrastructure helped the program increase from providing direct service to 35 low-income students in 2011 to serving 25,424 students in 2016. With the support of AmeriCorps VISTA, College Possible continues to grow and help even more promising low-income students become college graduates.

Economic Opportunity

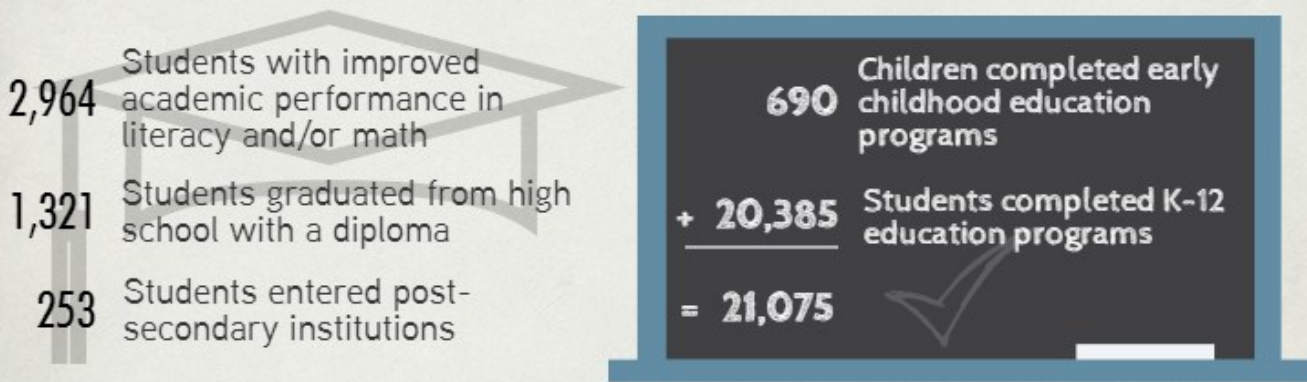
VISTA members served with organizations on projects dedicated to financial literacy, tax preparation, consumer counseling, housing construction and repair, connecting people to community services and benefits, and developing links to job training and placement programs.



As a result, 1,053 individuals acquired a job

Education

VISTA members built capacity in tutoring, mentoring, and family-involvement programs by coordinating volunteers, performing marketing and community outreach tasks, writing grants, leveraging in-kind school supplies, and evaluating programs for quality to ensure student success.



Healthy Futures

VISTA members created wellness curriculums, initiated sustainable community engagement, crafted fundraising campaigns, and evaluated programs to promote the health and wellness of underserved individuals.



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