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We need you!
Be an AmeriCorps VISTA and
help
Utah Be Ready!

**Utah Commission on Volunteers (COV), and
The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)**

are sponsoring a tremendous opportunity through **The Utah Citizen Corps *VISTA Project** to enhance the efforts of community preparedness. This project places VISTA members around the state which can assist with community preparedness in their County/City/Area. VISTA members help build local *Citizen Corps Councils*, work with *Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)* and establish *Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)*. The VISTA member can help with crime prevention programs, such as *Neighborhood Watch* and *Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)*, disaster preparedness, planning, training and exercises in local schools and communities; build resources of trained volunteers to conduct disaster preparedness presentations; participate with and in Volunteer Centers to increase preparedness volunteerism efforts, and distribute printed information. They can assist the local emergency management community to develop plans and procedures for *resource, donations* and *volunteer management*. VISTA members can work with Regional Public Health Departments supporting mass vaccination capability and the establishment of the Medical Reserve Corps, as well as the National Weather Service in implementing the NWS “*Storm Ready*” program in their towns, cities and counties. Prepare Our Communities!

The Utah Citizen Corps VISTA Project has been established to build partnerships between community organizations such as the Citizen Corps Pillar programs; Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Medical Reserve Corp, (MRC), Fire Corps and other community emergency preparedness efforts to help make our counties and communities safer, stronger and more secure. An Opportunity to serve is now open at Utah Commission on Volunteers.

WHAT IS “VISTA”? VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA!

This forty-year old program of national volunteer service was created at the same time as the Peace Corps.

- **VISTA** is not a “job”, it is not “employment” it is a Presidential call to National Service !
- **VISTA** is like being in the Peace Corps, but right here in Utah instead of a foreign country.
- **VISTA** volunteers receive a bi-weekly living allowance (about \$850 per month, basic health insurance and an educational award or stipend at end-of-service pd by the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- **VISTA** volunteers receive the reward of serving and making a difference right in the community they live in.

To apply, go to www.americorps.org and follow the **VISTA** links to the application page and complete the online application.

To receive more information about the **Utah Citizen Corps VISTA Project** vista placement
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