



Minnesota Alliance With Youth AmeriCorps VISTA Training Calendar 2018-2019

AUGUST: Orientation

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, August 2nd	VISTA Service Begins		Host Site
Tuesday, August 14th	Alliance Orientation and Training	9:00 am – 3:00pm	Alliance Training Room
Tuesday, August 14th	Social Hour	3:00-5:00	TBD
Thursday, August 16th	MCN Nonprofits Essentials Conference	8:30am – 4:30pm	St Thomas University
Monday, August 20th	8/20 VISTA Start Date & Orientation	10:00am – 3:30pm	Alliance Training Room
Monday, August 20th – Friday August 31st	One on One Meetings with VISTA Leader		

SEPTEMBER: Equity Circle and VISTA Reporting

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, September 13th	Alliance VISTA Cohort Meeting	12:30pm – 4:30pm	Alliance Training Room

OCTOBER: Self Care with Rebeka Ndosi

Periodic Report 1 Due Friday, October 12th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, October 11th	Alliance VISTA and Supervisor Training Supervisors Required	12:30pm – 4:30pm	Alliance Training Room
Friday, October 12th	<i>Optional</i> YIPA Fest	9:00am-3:00pm	Mystic Lake Convention Center
Friday, October 12th	Quarter 1 Report DUE	By 5:00pm	Email to VISTA Leader

NOVEMBER: The Opportunity Gap in Minnesota

ACES Training
Fall Site Visits

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, November 8th	Alliance VISTA Cohort Meeting	12:30pm – 4:30pm	Alliance Training Room
Wednesday, November 14th	Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) Training	10:00am – 4:00pm	TIES 1667 Snelling Ave N, Falcon Heights, MN 55108

Thursday, November 15	<i>Optional</i> Promise Fellow November Institute	9:00am – 4:00pm	TIES 1667 Snelling Ave N, Falcon Heights, MN 55108
Throughout November	Fall Site Visits		

DECEMBER: Restorative Approaches to the Opportunity Gap

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday, December 3rd	12/3 Start Date and Orientation	10:00am – 3:30pm	Alliance Training Room
Thursday, December 13th	Alliance VISTA Cohort Meeting	12:30-4:30	Alliance Training Room

JANUARY: Community Learning Session – History of Rondo with Damon Shoholm

Periodic Report 2 Due Friday, January 18th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, January 17th	Alliance VISTA Cohort Meeting	12:30pm – 4:30pm	Rondo Library
Friday, January 18th	Quarter 2 Report DUE	By 5:00pm	Email VISTA Leader

FEBRUARY: VISTA Midyear Retreat

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, February 14th	VISTA Midyear Retreat Supervisors Required	10:00am-4:00pm	Educators For Excellence

MARCH: Community Learning Session

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, March 14th	Alliance VISTA Cohort Meeting	12:30pm-4:30pm	Alliance Training Room

APRIL: Life After AmeriCorps

Periodic Report 3 Due Friday, April 19th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, April 11th	Alliance VISTA Cohort Meeting	12:30pm-4:30pm	Alliance Training Room
Friday, April 19th	Quarter 3 Report DUE	By 5:00pm	Email VISTA Leader
Thursday, April 25th	<i>Optional</i> Alliance AmeriCorps Regional Retreat	9:00am – 4:00pm	Amherst H Wilder Foundation

MAY: Community Learning Session
Spring Site Visits

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, May 16th	Alliance VISTA Cohort Meeting 8	12:30pm-4:30pm	Alliance Training Room
Throughout May	Spring Site Visits		Host Site

JUNE: The Future of Educational Equity

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, June 13th	Alliance VISTA Cohort Meeting 9	12:30pm-4:30pm	Alliance Training Room

JULY: Celebrate!

Periodic Report 4 Due Friday, July 19th
Final Reporting Due last day of service

Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday, July 20th	Quarter 4 Report DUE	By 5:00pm	Email VISTA Leader
Thursday, July 25th	VISTA Celebration	12:30-4:30	Alliance Training Room
Thursday, August 1st* <i>Or end date</i>	Final Report DUE	By 5:00pm	Email Bette Benson

Attendance

Attendance is required at all Alliance trainings. An unexcused absence is one in which proper absence notification was not given to the VISTA Leader. A VISTA with more than one unexcused absence is in danger of not completing their term of service successfully and losing out on their Education Award.

In case of illness or emergency, members should notify their VISTA Leader and make alternative arrangements to make up the training.

Additional Opportunities + Resources

Service Engagement

AmeriCorps Members are strongly encouraged to support and engage in National Days of Service including 9/11 Day of Remembrance and MLK Jr. Day of Service (1/21). There will be opportunities and resources shared to support youth and member engagement.

MN InterCorps Council (ICC): Minnesota ICC is a group of AmeriCorps members from across MN. They work towards bridging gaps among MN AmeriCorps programs, members, and alumni. Opportunities exist throughout the year to get involved in ICC events and trainings.

Youth Day at the Capitol (YDAC): Look out for more information; YDAC is an opportunity for youth and youth workers to come together for a day of training and engaging with elected officials. VISTAs and Promise Fellows are highly encouraged to attend this free day and bring youth in March!

Professional Development Resources

[Youth Intervention Programs Association](#) (YIPA) Trainings – As Alliance AmeriCorps members, we can register for any on-demand, online, or in person trainings FOR FREE! Covers wide variety of topics impacting youth, excellent Professional Development opportunity. Be sure to indicate that you are a VISTA with Minnesota Alliance With Youth when registering for a YIPA Training.

[Young Nonprofits Professional Network](#) (YNPN) – Network of young professionals in nonprofit sector. Many networking opportunities and free to join.

[YWCA](#) – trainings centered on their mission of "eliminating racism and empowering women."

[Minnesota Council of Nonprofits](#) – hosts larger conferences and smaller networking lunches/breakfasts. Networking lunches follow a monthly schedule and topics are sometimes set at beginning of year, others closer to actual day. See all [here](#).

Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out!

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