

## Montana Campus Compact VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

<b>Title:</b> Disabilities Empowerment Program Coordinator
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b> University of Montana – Montana Campus Compact
<b>Project Name:</b> MTCC VISTA
<b>Project Number:</b>
<b>Project Period:</b> November 7, 2022 – November 6, 2023
<b>Site Name:</b> Moving Mountains Foundation
<b>Focus Area(s)</b>
<b>Primary:</b> Education
<b>Secondary:</b> Capacity Building

<b>VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities</b>	
<p><b>Goal of the Overall VISTA Project:</b></p> <p>The overall goal of this VISTA project is to empower Montanans with disabilities by improving access to healthcare and medical equipment, as well as raising community awareness of the issues faced by people with disabilities. The focus of this project is children with disabilities, especially children experiencing poverty, for whom early intervention can increase school readiness and lifelong success. The VISTA will raise awareness of services, build relationships with funders, leverage resources, and apply for grants. This project will break the cycle of poverty by providing specialized resources for low-income youth with developmental delays therefore increasing their chances of graduating high school and attaining a college degree.</p>	
<p><b>Objective:</b></p> <p>The VISTA member will orient themselves to project performance measurement requirements in order to successfully implement each component and accurately report on progress.</p>	<p><b>Member Activity:</b> The member will ensure they receive and participate in an On-Site Orientation Training (OSOT) upon arrival at the host site and communicate any project questions to the host site supervisor and/or the Montana Campus Compact VISTA Manager.</p> <p><b>Member Activity:</b> The member must review applicable performance measurements and anticipate outcomes for each activity included in this VAD.</p> <p><b>Member Activity:</b> Upon understanding the performance measurement reporting requirements, the member will determine and put into place reporting tools necessary to supply performance measurement data to the Montana Campus Compact VISTA Project on a monthly basis.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b></p> <p>Determine the role of the campus/community partner in the VISTA project.</p>	<p><b>Member Activity:</b> Meet with the campus/community partner, discuss collaborative opportunities and potential.</p> <p><b>Member Activity:</b> Maintain regular communication with campus partner.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b></p> <p>Build relationships with funders that have repeat</p>	<p><b>Member Activity:</b> Identify and apply for 5-10 grants to secure \$200,000 in funds to support the foundation’s programs.</p>

<p>grant cycles to ensure Moving Mountains Foundation has the funds to continue meeting the needs of vulnerable populations.</p>	<p><b>Member Activity:</b> Identify, contact, and build relationships with six organizations in order to secure contract funding or partnerships to enhance community programs.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Increase community awareness of Moving Mountains Foundation’s in order to attract the attention of potential program beneficiaries and funders.</p>	<p><b>Member Activity:</b> Form connections with local marketing agencies.</p> <p><b>Member Activity:</b> Develop marketing materials such as social media posts, website enhancements, thank you mailers, etc.</p> <p><b>Member Activity:</b> Create a plan to implement six marketing actions (logo wear, marketing video, etc.) to raise awareness of the foundation in the community.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Develop and leverage community partnerships to increase the foundation’s “people power”.</p>	<p><b>Member Activity:</b> Form connections with youth programs/high schools to secure 10-20 volunteers to participate in the foundation’s programs.</p> <p><b>Member Activity:</b> Coordinate with the University of Montana and academic departments to implement a work study position and to develop opportunities for 5-10 students to complete fieldwork experiences.</p>
<p><b>Objective:</b> Increase the community’s awareness of the importance of early interventions by implementing in-service trainings at health care organizations and early intervention centers.</p>	<p><b>Member Activity:</b> Organize five educational in-services for childcare direct providers and administrative staff, e.g., Missoula Childcare Resources, Missoula Milestones Part C Early Interventions Program, etc.</p> <p><b>Member Activity:</b> Organize two community inclusive events to increase awareness of the foundation as well as to create an inclusive environment for individuals with disabilities.</p>