

# CAMPUS COMPACT VISTA

## VISTA ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION (VAD)



<b>Host Site</b>		<b>Position Title</b>	Children’s Learning Center VISTA
<b>Anti-Poverty Focus</b>	Education	<b>Service Term</b>	08/02/2021 – 08/01/2022
<b>Anti-Poverty Objective</b>	School Readiness	<b>Site Supervisor</b>	Anne Dugger
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### VISTA Assignment Objectives & Member Activities

<b>Project Goal</b>	<p>The goal of this project is to equip children from low-income, immigrant, and refugee backgrounds with educational opportunities to address racial disparities in education. CMC serves a largely refugee and immigrant population, the majority (89%) of whom have incomes below 150% of the Federal Poverty level.</p> <p>The VISTA member will build and implement a new program to provide quality educational services to clients’ children while clients simultaneously access services and educational opportunities for themselves. Through a multiracial learning center, children will have access to multicultural learning opportunities, which will better prepare and support them on their educational journey.</p>
<b>Objective</b>	The VISTA member will research and implement a strategy to create a multicultural and multiracial learning space, which meets the needs of CMC clientele. (Aug 2021 – Jan 2022)
<b>Member Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research multiracial and multicultural learning activities and spaces (Aug-Oct)</li> <li>• Collaborate with Safety and Administrative teams to develop safety measures and ensure alignment with organizational policies. (Aug-Oct) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Develop guidelines and applicable forms</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Meet with students and clients, conduct surveys to include questions about education and cultural norms within student/clients’ cultural communities. Interface with Immigrant Concerns group to find information about population. (Nov-Jan)</li> <li>• Make recommendations for structure based on surveys and researched data. (Jan)</li> <li>• Partner with local agencies (Iowa BIG) to help create a multicultural learning space</li> </ul>
<b>Objective</b>	The VISTA member will develop and implement a multicultural curriculum (Feb 2022 – Aug 2022)
<b>Member Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop curriculum and activities for as-needed educational experiences within the Children’s Learning Center (Feb – March)</li> <li>• Advertise program with CMC community and Immigrant Concerns partners. (April – May)</li> <li>• Pilot program (June-August). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communicate regularly with clients/students to answer questions, connect them with services, and take notes on issues as they arise.</li> <li>○ Assess outreach strategy and make recommendations to supervisor for next steps to reach more stakeholders/beneficiaries. (July)</li> <li>○ Evaluate program goals with participant/beneficiary experience and make recommendations for next steps (July-August).</li> <li>○ Train other staff and volunteers as needed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Serve as daily point person for the Children’s Learning Center to include conducting as-needed educational hours for children of clients and students</li> </ul>

<b>Objective</b>	The VISTA member will evaluate Children’s Learning Center programming and provide training and recommendations for continuing the program. (Apr 2022 – Aug 2022)
<b>Member Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit, train, and schedule volunteers to be in the Children’s Learning Center daily</li> <li>• Conduct research on future programming with partners (ISU Extension)</li> <li>• Present curriculum, activities, and projections for future programming (April).</li> <li>• Update program model and materials based on stakeholder feedback. (May - June)</li> <li>• Create resource binder with project materials for successful transition. (June – July)</li> </ul>

**Benefits:**

- \$13,399.15 annual living stipend paid out every two weeks.
- Health benefit through AmeriCorps.
- \$6,345 Education Award or \$1,800 Cash Award upon successful completion of service.
- \$750 Resettlement Allowance for individuals moving 50 miles or more for the position.