Looking for a way to give back? Visit the AmeriCorps VISTA page for information about joining VISTA and a current list of AmeriCorps VISTA opening in Iowa. VISTA members are dedicated to serving low-income individuals and communities by working with non-profit organizations or public entities (as a host organization) to create or improve programs that help meet basic needs. VISTA is open to people eighteen years of age and older from diverse backgrounds to dedicate a year of service.

We currently have one position open with immediate need: Executive Director, Volunteer Iowa. The position is responsible for directing the development and implementation of Volunteer Iowa’s strategic plan. The ideal candidate will have a background in volunteer management, education, or a related field. The position is full-time and includes a comprehensive benefits package.

The mission of Volunteer Iowa is to build and strengthen the capacity of voluntary service through advocacy, support, and technical assistance. Volunteer Iowa is committed to building a diverse organization and encourages applications from people of color, people with disabilities, and other underrepresented groups. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or genetic information.

Your commitment to service is the most important ingredient to our success and I am grateful for what you do every day to serve Iowans and empower Iowans to communities better every day. As we move forward, we have been assured that the goal of elevating services and improving outcomes for more Iowans is within our reach. This is an exciting opportunity to elevate our services and improve outcomes for more Iowans. We have an opportunity to work on the recommendations of our planning process to comprehensively improve the impact of our work.

Service Enterprise is a proven, research-based strategy that provides a competitive way to encourage organizations and businesses alike to participate in service-learning and mentoring programs. Applicants will be selected to receive funding is released.

Volunteer Iowa and Iowa MENTOR host an annual event to help us: Build legislators' awareness of policy issues important for expanding our sector, support service-learning and mentoring programs. Applicants will be selected to receive Service Enterprise Spring. It is also an opportunity to share with legislators the latest information on challenges and feedback are important, and we want to hear from you. Please contact your program manager for more information.

The Give Back Iowa Challenge is an eight-week statewide challenge, which serves as a competitive way to encourage organizations and businesses alike to participate in post volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Reception Center Train-the-Trainer
February 10th, 2023, from 9:30am-3:30pm in Des Moines. This training is designed to provide organizations with funds to pay for the staff/consultant time needed to develop customized training for your agency or community. Participants will receive a comprehensive training package, including materials, a facilitator guide, and a participant workbook. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage in discussions with other organizations and network with other trainers. This training is open to all interested organizations, regardless of whether they are participating in the Give Back Iowa Challenge.

AmeriCorps planning grants open February 20: This funding is designed to support organizations in planning their program and preparing to launch an AmeriCorps program. The application deadline is March 1, 2023. Individuals may serve in AmeriCorps from age 17 and up. When disaster strikes, unaffiliated/spontaneous volunteers who want to help will often have a lot to do in discussing particulars and negotiating the relationship with the host entity. Volunteer Reception Centers are an essential part of the planning process.

The Volunteer Reception Center Program is a proven method for increasing the effectiveness of disaster response. When disaster strikes in your community, volunteers are often the first to arrive, but they may not know how to help. Volunteer Reception Centers can provide trained volunteers who are familiar with community needs and can provide information and resources to help volunteers get involved.

Volunteer Iowa has announced a Request for Applications for Planning Grants is due no later than February 7, 2023. Check the grants page on the Volunteer Iowa website for more details.

National AmeriCorps VISTA page
Get Connected for Volunteer Iowa Day at the Capitol! Visit the Volunteer Iowa blog to learn more about upcoming events and opportunities. You can also subscribe to the Volunteer Iowa blog via email or RSS feed. Visit the Volunteer Iowa Facebook page to stay connected and involved in the Volunteer Iowa community.

An Announcement from Volunteer Iowa
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Governor Reynolds announced an effort to improve how state government serves Iowans by aligning Department of Human Services (DHS) with and the Department of Justice and Public Safety (IDHRC) to better serve Iowans. The announcement includes initiatives to improve access to services, reduce barriers, and provide a more seamless experience for Iowans. The partnership will also provide opportunities for volunteers to help serve Iowans in times of disaster. Intended audience includes Volunteer Centers, RSVP Programs, and non-profit organizations that serve Iowans.

On February 2, 2023, the Governor's Office, DHS, and IDHRC co-hosted a meeting with the Governor and key stakeholders to discuss the goals and objectives of the partnership. The Governor emphasized the importance of collaboration between state agencies to better serve Iowans. The Governor also announced that the partnership will include the recommendation that Volunteer Iowa will be housed at the Department of Justice and Public Safety (IDHRC) to better align with the goals of the partnership.

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