



Council on Crime and Justice

Assistant Case Advocate

Are you interested in serving your community in an important and long lasting way?

Are you at a point in your life where you are looking for an incredible service experience and a great challenge?

The number of people leaving prison each year continues to rise, both in Minnesota and nationally. The capacity of communities to absorb and support these people returning to prison has not caught up with the numbers of people being released. The AmeriCorps VISTA position with the Council on Crime and Justice will provide you with an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of recently released inmates. The individual in this position will find resources that help ex-offenders obtain stable housing, employment and health. This position will work with both the Healthy Educational Lifestyle Project (HELP) and Families and Offenders United Project (FOUP) teams. This will include updating and expanding a felony friendly apartment and employment listing, networking with other agencies and Case Advocates that support people as they come out of prison, and tracking and reporting on the progress of the grant objectives.

The Council on Crime and Justice is a private, non-profit agency that has been a leader in the field of criminal and social justice since 1957. The Council provides an independent voice for a balanced approach to criminal justice. It has also been at the forefront of many new programs in such areas as offender services, alternative sanctions, victim's rights, and restorative justice. The mission of the Council on Crime and Justice is to build community capacity to address the causes and consequences of crime and violence through research, demonstration and advocacy. The Council works with offenders, victims of crime, and those at risk to be victims or offenders through direct services, research, and advocacy. AmeriCorps VISTA members commit to service in the United States. Currently there are 6,000 VISTA members serving in the United States.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- BA degree or a combination of education and experience providing equivalent knowledge.
- Knowledge of the criminal justice system and work with offenders.
- Initiative, flexibility, and organizational skills.
- Ability to build rapport with community partners and program participants.
- Skilled in networking, verbal communication, and writing.
- Good computer skills, including knowledge of Excel and Word.
- Ability to work as a member of a team.
- Ability to work effectively across cultures and demonstrate sensitivity to ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability and faith.
- Willingness to travel for training and meet new people.

AMERICORPS VISTA MEMBERS RECEIVE:

Living Allowance of \$883 month;
Choice of a \$4,725 educational award or \$1,200 stipend;
Health care benefits;
Relocations expenses;
Student loan forbearance or deferment,
Potential child care assistance;
Travel for VISTA Service Training
Gain invaluable training in project management and leadership skills

To apply submit resume and cover letter by Friday, March 31, 2006 to: Council on Crime and Justice Attn: Human Resources 822 South Third Street, Suite 100 Minneapolis, MN 55415 or hr@crimeandjustice.org. The position is anticipated to start on June 21, 2006 and go through June 20, 2007.