



Council on Crime and Justice

Evaluation and Research Assistant

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 ex-offenders, their families and communities. This position will assist with research projects about offender reentry and the community impacts of reentry to promote community awareness and improve prison reentry programs at the Council and other agencies. The volunteer will develop and maintain evaluation tools and conduction methods, develop and implement a method for data collection and analysis, and create evaluation reports and presentation materials to be utilized in community education.

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, successful completion of coursework in Social Sciences, Research Methods and/or Statistics.
- Knowledge of the criminal justice system and work with offenders preferred.
- Ability to recognize and maintain confidentiality in all aspects of position.
- Regular access to a reliable form of transportation.
- Ability to establish and maintain professional boundaries and relationships.
- 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.

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.