



Better Together

Collaborating for Success

Session Agenda

- o Discuss why collaboration is important.
- o Demonstrate how collaboration leads to goal achievement.
- o Debrief activities
- o Highlight examples of successful collaborations in Montana
- o Provide contact information for National Service Programs in Montana.

Rationale for Collaboration

- o Coordinated Planning
- o Cost-effectiveness
- o Expand reach of programs
- o Builds and restores fabric of community
- o Promotes ownership & institutionalization
 - o Integrates goals
 - o Increases support over the long haul with local resources
 - o Evolves structures and delivery mechanisms
- o Develops spokespersons for the effort
- o Increases partnership opportunities
- o Reduces “Lone Ranger” initiatives
- o Expands the community’s ability to respond comprehensively to community needs.

Activities

Outside if the weather is nice 😊

Debrief

Stages of Collaboration

- o Communication
- o Coordination
- o Cooperation
- o Collaboration

Success Factors of Collaboration

- o Research shows the #1 success factor for collaborative partnerships is **TRUST.**

Montana Examples

- o National Days of Service
 - o MLK Day
 - o AmeriCorps Week
 - o September 11 Day of Service
- o One-time events
 - o Fundraisers
 - o Recognition events
- o Program partnerships
 - o Foster Grandparents Program hosted a VISTA who created a recruitment strategy for Native Americans.
 - o MCC utilized VISTA members to evaluate youth program.

National Service Programs in Montana

AmeriCorps

- o AmeriCorps
 - o Big Sky Watershed
 - o Energy Corps
 - o FoodCorps Montana
 - o Justice for Montanans
 - o Montana Conservation Corps
 - o Montana No Kid Hungry
 - o Montana State Parks
- o AmeriCorps VISTA
 - o Prevention Resource Center
 - o Montana Campus Compact
 - o Rural Dynamics, Inc.
 - o Billings Metro VISTA Project
- o AmeriCorps NCCC
- o <http://serve.mt.gov/ameri-corps-in-montana/>

Senior Corps

- o Foster Grandparent Program
- o Senior Companion Program
- o Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
- o <http://serve.mt.gov/senior-corps/>



Questions

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