

AmeriCorps*VISTA in Montana

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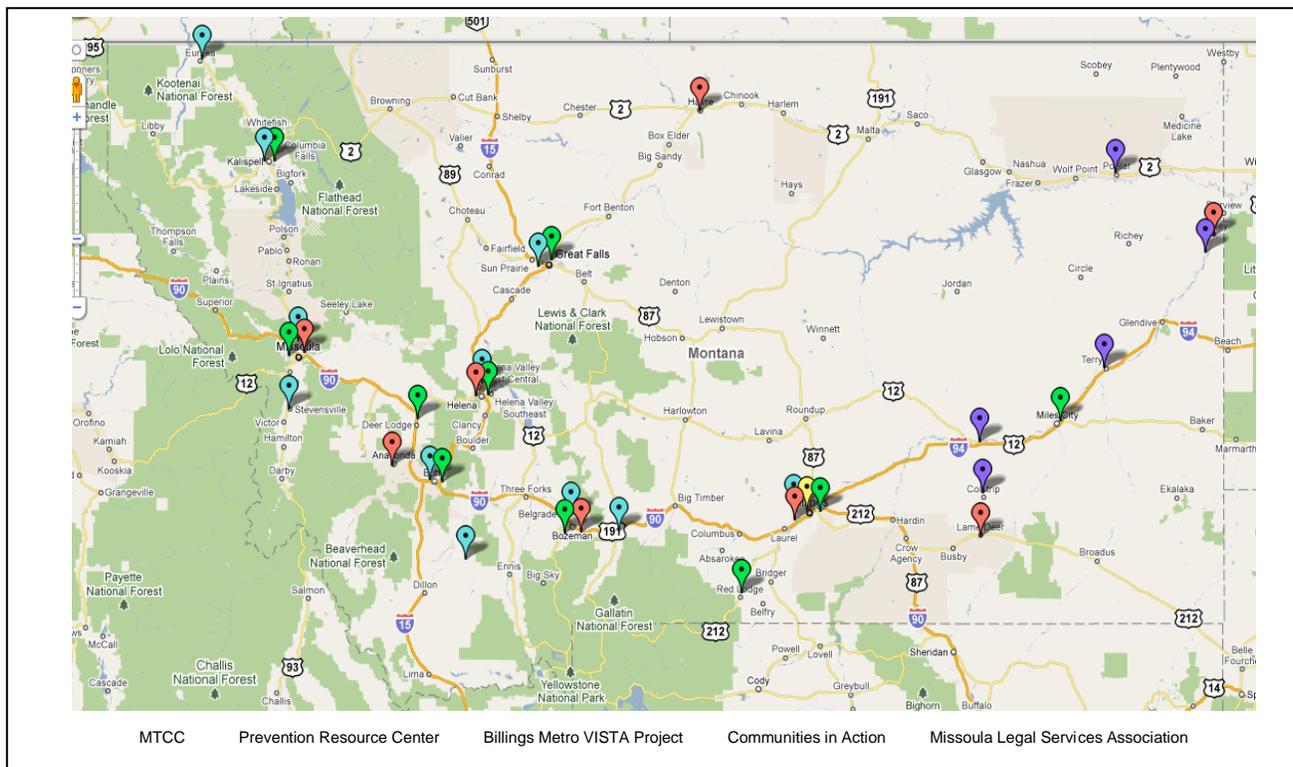
Mission and Objectives

Mission - To increase capacity of low-income people to improve the conditions of their own lives.

Objectives of the program:

- To strengthen local agencies and organizations to carry out the purpose of the program
- To encourage volunteer service at the local level
- To generate the commitment of private sector resources

AmeriCorps*VISTA Service Sites in Montana



Snapshot:

- In the past year **150** VISTAS Members served over **312,000** hours throughout the State of Montana including Indian Reservations.
- Each member serves at least full-time or more, an average of **2,080** hours per year.
- Currently there are **5 VISTA Projects** in Montana.
- Members are placed in over **100 different VISTA Sites** (community organizations and government agencies) throughout Montana. The VISTA sites are continually changing depending on community needs.

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Snapshot: AmeriCorps*VISTA Members getting things done for Montana Communities (Since July 2009)

- Recruited and trained over **15,495** Community Volunteers to support and sustain the work. These volunteers contributed **92,621 hours** to local organizations and government agencies.
- Helped in generating over **\$2,049,361** for local organizations and government agencies.
- Completed **406** Community Assessments and conducted **551** Evaluations.
- Developed and Supported **231** Community groups to lead the effort and assisted these Community groups in creating **270** Strategic Plans.

Snapshot: AmeriCorps*VISTA Impact on Montana Communities

Billings-Metro VISTA Project (B-MVP), VISTA Member Julia Guarino served at the Downtown Billings Alliance and the City of Billings Community Development. Julia implemented "Spare Change for Real Change". This program supports those that are homeless or at-risk of being homeless. She developed a strategic plan that expanded the program and resulted in generating over **\$8,000**, as well as over **\$10,000** in in-kind donations. This support has enabled community organizations to better serve the needs of clients and increased awareness about the Spare Change for Real Change program.

Prevention Resource Center (PRC) VISTA Members served at the Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) Program

The Healthy Montana Kids Program makes children's health coverage affordable for tens of thousands of Montana families. Throughout the course of a year several VISTA members trained over 500 enrollment partners building the capacity of the HMK program to enroll approximately 9,000 children, that's about 1,000 children in HMK every month, this is up from approximately 100 children a month prior to HMK.

Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) VISTA Members serving throughout the State of Montana from July 2009 to July 2010

Montana Campus Compact VISTA members facilitated employment training for 945 clients, so far, at least 230 clients were able to secure jobs as a result; helped 583 at-risk individuals remain in their homes; implemented programs that served at least 4,646 disadvantaged children and families; and mentored 8,201 young Montana students and helped them consider attaining a college degree as a viable option in their lives.