



Summary of Montana AmeriCorps*VISTA Projects & Contact Information

❖ Billings - Metro VISTA Project (MVP)

Administered by the City of Billings, Billings, Montana. VISTA members serve to reduce the risk of homelessness and create the tools people in poverty need to build sustainable futures. Contact Information:

Brenda Beckett at (406) 657-8286; beckettb@ci.billings.mt.us or visit www.ci.billings.mt.us/vista

Billings MVP - City of Billings, Community Development Division

P.O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59101

Fax (406) 657-8327

❖ Communities In Action (CIA)

Regional project administered by the Richland County Health Department in Sidney, Montana. This project incorporates a multi-faceted approach to creating healthy communities in Eastern Montana. CIA is building an infrastructure in response to the modern day needs of frontier life through identifying, developing, implementing, sustaining, and evaluating healthy approaches to community development. Contact Information:

Judy Lapan at (406) 433-2207; jlapan@richland.org or visit www.richland.org/health

CIA - Richland County Health Department

1201 West Holly, Suite #1, Sidney, MT 59270

Fax: (406) 433-6895

❖ Montana Campus Compact (MTCC)

State-wide project administered by the Montana Campus Compact network of 20 college and university campuses, headquartered at The University of Montana in Missoula, Montana. With an emphasis on serving economically-disadvantaged individuals and veterans, MTCC VISTA members build the capacity of non-profits and campuses by connecting the resources of higher education with community needs through education initiatives. Working closely with faculty members, students and community members, MTCC VISTAs help communities develop long-term solutions to Montana's poverty problems. *Contact Information:*

Brian Christianson at (406) 243-5427; christianson@mtcompact.org or visit www.mtcompact.org

Montana Campus Compact - University of Montana

302 University Hall, Missoula, MT 59812-3960

Fax: (406) 243-5407

❖ Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)

State-wide project administered by Montana Legal Services Association in Helena, Montana. Projects include creating sustainable asset development strategies, expanding the resources available to domestic abuse victims, and developing legal resources to assist MLSA in providing free civil legal assistance for low-income Montanans. *Contact Information:*

Brittany Waiss at (406) 543-8343 ext. 206; bwaiss@mtlsa.org or visit www.mlsavista.org

Montana Legal Services Association

211 North Higgins Ave., Suite 401, Missoula, MT 59802

Fax: (406) 543-8314

❖ Prevention Resource Center (PRC)

State-wide project administered by the Prevention Resource Center, Montana Department of Health and Human Services in Helena, Montana. Through a very successful and innovative approach, this project is working to reduce youth substance use and violence, school drop out rates, child abuse and teen pregnancy across the state. Additionally, the PRC VISTA Project partners with organizations that focus on out of school time programs; food security initiatives; and children & adult mental health programs with a primary emphasis on suicide prevention on and off Indian Reservations and for Veterans. *Contact Information:*

Abby Zent at (406) 444-9654; azent@mt.gov or visit www.prevention.mt.gov

PRC - Department of Public Health & Human Services

PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604

Fax: (406) 444-1970

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