

VISTA Programs in Nebraska

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AmeriCorps*VISTA is a national program whose mission is to strengthen and supplement efforts to eliminate poverty by providing meaningful and constructive volunteer service in agencies, institutions and situations where the application of human talent and dedication may assist in the solution of poverty and poverty related problems. VISTA members work to generate the commitment of private sector resources, to encourage volunteer service at the local level and to strengthen local agencies and organizations.

In Nebraska, VISTA Programs reflect both the Corporation's strategic priorities and VISTA program priorities.

CNCS Strategic Priorities

1. Engaging students in service
2. Ensuring a brighter future for America's youth
3. Harnessing the experience of baby boomer's
4. Mobilizing more volunteers
5. Disaster Response and Preparedness

VISTA Program Priorities

1. Independent Living
 - a. Housing
 - b. Employment
 - c. Transition
2. Financial Development
 - a. Asset Development
 - b. Financial Literacy
 - c. Community Economic Development
3. Education
 - a. Bridging the Digital Divide
 - b. Educational Advancement
 - c. Knowledge and Technical Skills

The following is a listing of Nebraska VISTA Programs and sites by priority area effective 8/28/2009.

ENGAGING STUDENTS IN SERVICE

- Midwest Consortium for Service-Learning** 200 Nebraska Union
Lincoln, NE 68588
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Sponsor Director: Ms. Deb Eisloeffel **E-mail:** deisloef@unlnotes.unl.edu
Description: Enhance the learning of college students and strengthen community service through service-learning. Faculty, staff, students, and community agencies provide programs and activities for youth. Getting youth engaged in service-learning and interested in continuing their education is critical.

Augustana College

2001 S. Summit Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57197

Phone: (605) 274-5310

Site Supervisor: Mr. Reynold Nesiba

Email: reynold.nesiba@augie.edu

Black Hills State University

Office of Civic Engagement, SU120B
1200 University Street, Unit 9502
Spearfish, SD 57799

Website: <http://www.bhsu.edu/Community/CURE/tabid/1530/Default.aspx>

Phone: (605) 642- 6080

Fax: (605) 642-6119

Site Supervisor: Ms. Jane Klug

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Clarkson College

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Omaha, NE 68131

Phone: (402) 552-2948

Website: www.clarksoncollege.edu

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College of Saint Mary

7000 Mercy Road

Omaha, NE 68106

Phone: (402) 399-2632

Website: www.csm.edu

Site Supervisor: Ms. Jennifer Reed-Bouley

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Dana College

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Blair, NE 68008

Phone: (402) 426-7253

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Dakota Wesleyan University

Phone: (605) 955-2943

Site Supervisor: Ms. Rebecka Zabel

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Doane College

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Crete, NE 68333

Phone: (402) 826-6754

Site Supervisor: Ms. Linda Kalbach

Email: linda.kalbach@doane.edu

Iowa Western Community College

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Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Phone: (712) 256-6539

Site Supervisor: Ms. Corrine Grace

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Metropolitan Community College

Fort Bldg. 005, Rm. 215
Omaha, NE 68103

Phone: (402) 457-2608

Site Supervisor: Ms. Penny Boykins

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Morningside College

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Sioux City, IA 51106

Phone: (712) 274-5361

Site Supervisor: Mr. Patrick McKinlay

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Nebraska Wesleyan University

Career & Counseling Center
5000 St. Paul Avenue
Lincoln, NE 68504

Phone: (402) 465-2413

Site Supervisor: Ms. Carol Leonhardt

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Northern State University

1200 S. Jay
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Phone: (605) 626-2371

Site Supervisor: Ms. Deb Walker

Website: <http://www.northern.edu>

Fax: (605) 626-3399

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Omaha Area Health Education Center

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Omaha, NE 68102

Phone: (402) 502-1207

Site Supervisor: Mr. Del Gines

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South Dakota State University

Office for Diversity Enhancement
Box 550, 823 Medary Ave.
Brookings, SD 57007

Website: <http://www3.sdstate.edu/Administration/OfficeforDiversityEnhancement/>

Phone: (605) 688-6004

Site Supervisor: Ms. Dianne Nagy

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University of Nebraska-Kearney

B185 College of Education
Kearney, NE 68849

Phone: (308) 865-8957

Site Supervisor: Ms. Geraldine Stirtz

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University of Nebraska Medical Center

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Omaha, NE 68198-6660

Phone: (402) 559-8106

Site Supervisor: Ms. Lilianna Bronner

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University of South Dakota

USD Student Action Office/IdEA Program
103 Old Main, 414 E. Clark St.
Vermillion, SD 57069

Phone: (605) 677-3139

Site Supervisor: Ms. Sarah Wittmuss

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Email: Sarah.Wittmuss@usd.edu

MOBILIZING MORE VOLUNTEERS

2. ServeNebraska (Project ID: 06VSNNE004)

P.O. Box 98927

Omaha, NE 68509

Phone: (402) 471-6212

Program Supervisor: Ms. Janet Schmidt

Sponsor Director: Ms. Barbara Thomas

Description: Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission works to mobilize Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration, and national service programs.

Website: <http://www.serve.nebraska.gov/>

Fax: (402) 471-6286

E-mail: janet.schmidt@nebraska.gov

E-mail: barbara.thomas@nebraska.gov

Lincoln Area Agency on Aging

1005 O Street

Lincoln, NE 68508

Phone: (402) 441-7070 Toll free In NE 1-800-247-0938

Site Supervisor: Peggy Apthorpe

Website: <http://lancaster.ne.gov/City/mayor/aging/index.htm>

E-mail: papthorpe@lincoln.ne.gov

Columbus: shared position

Columbus Cares Volunteer Center

3020 18th Street, Suite 5

Columbus, NE 68601

Phone: (402) 562-6539

Co-Site Supervisor: Denise Kollath

Website: <http://www.volunteercolumbus.org/>

E-mail: dkolla@columbusunitedway.com

Columbus\Platte County Emergency Management

2610 14th Street

Columbus NE 68601

Phone: (402) 564-1206

Co-Site Supervisor: Tim Hofbauer

Website: <http://www.plattecounty.net/emergency.htm>

E-mail: pccem@megavision.com

INDEPENDENT LIVING

3. **Blue Valley Community Action Partnership** PO Box 273
Fairbury, NE 68352 **Website:** <http://www.bvca.net/>
Phone: (402) 729-6510 **Fax:** (402) 729-2801
Program Supervisor: Ms. Collena Laschanzky **E-mail:** claschanzky@bvca.net
Sponsor Director: Mr. Richard Nation **E-mail:** ceo@bvca.net
Description: Founded in 1966, Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) Partnership serves families and communities in southeast Nebraska and north central Kansas. BVCA Partnership operates over 30 programs that provide individuals with emergency assistance and develop long-term, community-based strategies to prevent poverty.

INDEPENDENT LIVING: HOUSING

4. **Habitat for Humanity of Omaha**
2204 Ames Avenue
Omaha, NE 68110 **Website:** <http://www.habitatomaha.org/>
Phone: (402) 457-5657 **Fax:** (402) 457-5657
Program Supervisor: Mr. David Klitz **Email:** dklitz@habitatomaha.org
Sponsor Director: Ms. Amanda Jedlicka **Email:** ajedlicka@habitatomaha.org
Description: Habitat for Humanity of Omaha builds houses in partnership with low-income families. Selected families help build the homes and then buy a home at a 0% interest mortgage.

FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5. **inCommon Community Development (Project ID: 07VSNNE001)**
1258 South 13th St.
Omaha, NE 68108 **Website:** <http://incommoncd.org>
Phone: (402) 933-6672 **Fax:** (402) 991-6381
Program Supervisor: Mr. Christian Gray **E-mail:** christian@incommoncd.org
Sponsor Director: Mr. Christian Gray **E-mail:** christian@incommoncd.org
Description: inCommon Community Development is a faith based organization working to reduce poverty.