

## Nutrition Programs Coordinator VISTA with Indy Hunger Network

Indy Hunger Network is developing creative ways to improve access to food resources through participation in federal nutrition programs. Join us to help end hunger in the Greater Indianapolis area!

- Term of service: June 10, 2018 – June 9, 2020
- To apply: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=85817&fromSearch=true>
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### Service Description:

Indy Hunger Network (IHN) is a collaborative organization working with hunger relief organizations in Indianapolis to ensure that everyone who is hungry has access to the nutritious food they need.

This position is focused on improving access to federal nutrition programs, which provide 75% of the meals for people using food assistance in Indianapolis. The VISTA will work with a team to increase awareness of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to reach more moms and kids; develop new projects to improve participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); and create and implement a plan for educating SNAP users about their right to appeal SNAP eligibility decisions that they think are incorrect.

While all projects provide an opportunity to work collaboratively with food assistance professionals, most time is spent working independently. We are looking for someone who is self-motivated, disciplined, thinks creatively, and exhibits strong communication and interpersonal skills.

The VISTA will have the opportunity to build an extensive network, gain valuable professional experience, and gain a deep understanding of both public and private agencies. The position also offers:

- Camaraderie with 7 other IHN VISTAs
- Team engagement activities, including bi-weekly meetings to discuss projects, socialize, and hear from guest presenters
- Mentoring, one-on-one coaching, & professional development trainings
- Assistance preparing for life after VISTA (resume review, interview prep, etc.)
- Opportunities to work with leaders in hunger relief, including current and retired corporate executives and non-profit agency heads
- Opportunities to work independently and lead projects.

The position is housed at Gleaners Food Bank in Indianapolis and will involve some local travel. Indianapolis is easy to navigate, has a growing restaurant/craft beer/coffee scene and lots of places to play!

### Member Duties:

In your role, you will work on a variety of projects simultaneously:

- Work with a team of marketing professionals to reach mothers who could benefit from WIC
- Work with Indiana Legal Services to develop an outreach plan for people who think they were improperly denied SNAP benefits

- Develop new projects to increase participation in SNAP and other federal nutrition programs
- Gather and maintain data on SNAP and WIC participation in Marion County

You will be one of 8 VISTAs working under the umbrella of the Indy Hunger Network (IHN). IHN regards its VISTAs as a cohort moving through a transformational year-long experience. Our VISTA Coordinator will service as a resource to provide mentoring and professional development to the VISTAs. See the benefits in the Program Description!