

Indy Hunger Network Nutrition Promotion Coordinator 2020

Indy Hunger Network is increasing access to healthy food for people using food assistance. Help promote nutritious food by facilitating cooking education and promoting healthy foods at food pantries!

- Term of service: June 8, 2020 – June 7, 2021
- To apply: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=93358&fromSearch=true>
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Service Description:

As the Nutrition Promotion VISTA, you will improve access to healthy foods for people using food assistance by building capacity for our Cooking Matters program and working with food pantries to encourage pantry clients to select more nutritious foods. These are projects of Indy Hunger Network (IHN), a coalition of hunger relief agencies working to ensure that anyone who is hungry can access the nutritious food they need.

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about hunger relief, believe in the power of hands-on learning to change lives, possess exceptional attention to detail, and demonstrate compassion and empathy with people from all walks of life.

You will have the opportunity to grow as a professional, including working in a traditional office environment, serving as a project lead, and networking both within IHN and the greater hunger-relief community. The opportunity to witness lives changing while at the same time being able to document those changes quantitatively is a unique and particularly valuable aspect of this professional experience. The position also offers:

- Camaraderie with 5 other VISTAs working under the Indy Hunger Network umbrella
- Team engagement activities, including bi-weekly meetings to discuss projects, socialize, and hear from guest presenters
- Mentoring, one-on-one coaching, and professional development trainings
- Assistance preparing for life after VISTA (resume review, interview prep, etc.)
- Opportunities to work with leaders in the hunger relief space, including current and retired corporate executives and non-profit agency heads
- Opportunities to work independently and lead on projects

This position is housed at Gleaners Food Bank on the southwest side of Indianapolis; however, substantial travel is required. You will co-work with 2 other VISTAs + 3 IHN staff members. Indianapolis is easy to navigate, has a growing restaurant/craft brew/coffee scene, and lots of places to play and recreate!

Member Duties:

In this role, you will build capacity for our cooking and nutrition classes by growing our volunteer program, writing grant proposals, and expanding our reach to new sites and populations. You will work with food pantries on ways to encourage pantry clients to select healthy foods. You will have the opportunity to:

- Recruit and train volunteers
- Recruit new host sites for classes
- Work as a team to reach new audiences with cooking and nutrition education, with a special focus on parents of young children
- Assist with securing grants and corporate sponsorships
- Work with local food pantries to make changes to their pantry facilities that will encourage selection of healthy foods

Indy Hunger Network (IHN) regards VISTA members as a cohort moving through a transformational year-long experience. To help you maximize this experience, IHN employs a VISTA coordinator to provide mentoring and professional development to our VISTAs. See our benefits in the Service Description!