

VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

Title: Brevard Public Schools VISTA Member
Sponsoring Organization: University of Central Florida Project Name: OSI AmeriCorps VISTA Project Project Number: 3425872 Project Period: February 24, 2017-February 23, 2018
Site Name (if applicable): Brevard Public Schools
Focus Area(s) Primary: Education

VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities

Goal of the Project: The UCF Office of Student Involvement and the AmeriCorps VISTA project will provide nonprofit capacity building services to the Homeless Education Programs within the Dept. of Students at Risk and Department of Title I of Brevard County Public Schools and partnering nonprofit and faith-based sector organizations. Community will increase efficiency in providing social services, tapping into philanthropic sources with increased effectiveness, sustainability, and creation of collaborations to ensure homeless and impoverished children and youths have access to the education and other community services that such children and youths need to ensure their opportunity to meet the same challenging State student academic achievement standards to which all students are held. Social and emotional well-being supports will be a focus as well with increased community involvement of students.

Objective of the Assignment (*Ongoing through February 2018*):

Students-in-Need will have adequate clothing and hygiene items for school participation through the collection, organization and delivery of needed items

Member Activities:

Step 1: Meet with potential providers of student-needed resources and community groups whose focus is on providing enrichment for at-risk and low income. Contacts made and meetings set up with civic, and faith-based groups for meetings to determine what is missing for students in their vicinity and how the needs can be assisted with the groups' participation

Step 2: Establish working relationship with the BLAST program which is for older students located at our Adult Education Center. Organization, arrangement and record keeping will be monitored. Work with Volunteer coordinator of students enrolled in Alternative Learning Center to provide opportunities for assisting possible unmet needs in sorting or record keeping. Prepare quarterly report that tracks Values used to determine resource centers improvements/failures.

Step 3: Homeless education website will be created and social media usage will be explored and utilized in appropriate ways to acquire needed supports for families moving out of homelessness. Such as one time pick-up and delivery for moving or supply of furniture to families ending their homelessness.