

Basic Information		
Full-year VISTA Program		Retention Project
<p>Oregon Campus Compact VISTAs develop service-learning programs, build relationships and partnerships between their institution and the surrounding community, implement campus-wide service days, coordinate programs that engage students in community service, and increase the level of civic engagement on their campuses. Established in 2007 through a partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service, the ORCC VISTA program enables colleges and universities to address issues facing low-income communities through high quality service-learning and community service programs that empower students to be change agents in their communities.</p>	<p><i>Definition</i></p>	<p>The Retention Project is a college-based mentoring program that utilizes service-learning as a strategy to:</p> <p>#1 Reduce the drop out rates of disadvantaged and non-traditional students at the middle and high school level</p> <p>#2 Improve the retention and academic advancement of first generation college students</p> <p>#3 Help support college access and success efforts by creating a pipeline to higher education</p> <p>AmeriCorps Retention Project Members recruit, train and place college service-learners in middle/high schools to act as mentors.</p>
<p>18 Years and Older</p>	<p><i>Age Requirement</i></p>	<p>18 Years and Older</p>
<p>ORCC VISTA members serve 365 days and receive a living allowance distributed bi-weekly at the pre-tax rate of \$11,124 (Multnomah / Washington Counties) or \$10,704 (all other Oregon counties) for the service year. Members receive health coverage and life insurance benefits. In addition, VISTA members may be eligible for relocation allowance and child care.</p>	<p><i>Member Benefits</i></p>	<p>Full Time members serve at least 1,700 hours in an 11 month period and receive a living allowance of \$12,000, health coverage, and child care (if eligible).</p>
<p>Upon successful completion of the service term, members are eligible to receive either a \$5,550 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award or a \$1,500 end-of-year stipend. Loan forbearance and interest accrual payment on qualified student loans are available.</p>	<p><i>Education Benefits</i></p>	<p>Upon successful completion of the service term, members are eligible to receive a \$5,550 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award. Loan forbearance and interest accrual payment on qualified student loans are available.</p>

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Projected Program Timeline		
June 29, 2012	<i>Member Selected By</i>	June 29, 2012
August 27-30, 2012	<i>Pre-Service Orientation</i>	n/a
September 2012	<i>Team Orientation</i>	September 2012
August 31, 2012	<i>Member Start Date at Site</i>	August 2012 (usually two start dates available)
October 2012	<i>Statewide AmeriCorps Kickoff</i>	October 2012
3 times during the year.	<i>In-Service Training</i>	3 times during the year.
August 30, 2013	<i>Member Completion Date</i>	June or July 2013
Member Service Information		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cultivate partnerships with community-based organizations that address the needs of low-income individuals. * Work with faculty and staff to create and coordinate service-learning courses. * Plan and implement campus service days. * Conduct presentations and meetings with faculty, students, and community members to increase awareness of service-learning and community engagement. * Recruit, train, and place student volunteers. * Provide leadership development, training, support, and reflection activities for student volunteers. * Build the capacity for campuses to create sustainable service programming and partnerships. 	<i>Examples of Positions, Service Projects and Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Volunteer recruitment, placement and advisement * Mentor at-risk high school, middle school, or other non-traditional college students * Develop community partnerships * Member development activities (training and reflection)
Members can coordinate volunteers but not provide direct volunteer service.	<i>Examples of Limitations</i>	Members can be mentors, but have very strict limitations on fundraising.
No replacement of staff, no political or religious stand during service hours. No more than 10% direct service, members cannot hold another job while in VISTA.	<i>NO CAN DO's</i>	No replacement of staff, no political or religious stand during service hours. No more than 10% administrative work.