



VISTA VIEWS

VISTA's Working With THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM Program

Editor: Fran Hamilton, VISTA Leader



We have a new Corporation for National Service Director. Her name is Betty Platt. She served as a state director for 5 years in Birmingham, Alabama, before moving to Raleigh. She is originally from Tucson, AZ. We look forward to working with her.

Fran Robbins is her Administrative Assistant. For your convenience, I have included her mailing information:

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*Welcome New VISTA Members who went to
PSO 11/14/06:*

*Raven Barron
Martha Bradley
Catherine McDonald
Raelyn Mosher
Kimberly Potter
Cheryl Sprieser
Gale Van Valen*

We make a living by what we get,
we make a life by what we give. --
Winston Churchill

4th Quarter, 2006, Recruiting Results

Total # Prospects Contacted	1001
Total # Volunteers Sworn In	185

**We now have a “go to” website for
VISTA Information, Forms and Policies
and Procedures. Here are the
instructions for accessing:**

www.nccourts.org

- Citizens
- Guardian ad Litem
- VISTA Program
 - VISTA Forms
 - VISTA Resources
 - VISTA Newsletter
 - VISTA Recruiting
 - Policies and Procedures



FRAN'S CORNER

You know when people ask me what you do, I say with pride, "I recruit volunteers to represent a child in court...it's called Guardian ad Litem." I say this with much pride. We are very fortunate to be in a station in life when we can give back to our community in a big way by volunteering as a VISTA. I know the struggles are great but the rewards are greater.



Message from Brad Fowler:

*Note from Brad Fowler dated 1/3/07:
To: Guardian ad Litem Colleagues*

I am writing to share some good news for VISTA Members who would like to take AOC computer classes.

The course coordinator for AOC training has agreed to allow VISTA Members to enroll in any of the classes included in the listing forwarded by Ruth, except the ACIS class. Members need to work with their supervisors to determine if

any of the classes are appropriate and to select available training dates that work for both the Members and their offices. Mileage to and from the training courses will be reimbursed at the prevailing AOC rates.

Please note that the training schedule is released quarterly.

Letter from Brad Fowler dated 1/17:

Termination of VISTA Project

I am writing with important information about the status of our VISTA Project.

As you know, the Members serving on our VISTA Project have played a vital role in Volunteer recruitment. Since the beginning of our Project, VISTA Members have been involved in the recruitment of 2,421 Volunteers!!

The good news is that we have been approved for another year of our Project!

Unfortunately, though, this will be the last year of our Project. As you have heard me say throughout this Project, VISTA Projects are only supposed to last for three years. We are now beginning our sixth year as a Project. So, the staff of the Corporation for National Community Service, who administer VISTA Projects, have informed me that this upcoming year will be our final year as a sponsoring organization.

This means that there is one last chance for our Project to enroll Members and

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send them to VISTA Pre-Service Orientation. The deadline to enroll for the 24-27 April PSO is Friday, March 16 2007.

If you have a prospective Member identified, please contact Fran Hamilton via email or phone (252) 393-1353 as soon as possible since Members are generally enrolled in PSO first-come, first-served --- and the most training spots possible for us for April is nine. If you would like Fran to help you identify if any applicants on the VISTA website might be interested in your community, please let her know that as soon as possible as well.

After the April PSO, we will NOT be able to enroll new VISTA Members.

I want to thank all of the VISTA Members who have made valuable contributions to the children of North Carolina by recruiting so many Volunteers to serve them.

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And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.-- Abraham Lincoln



LOOKING AHEAD.....

Pre-Service Orientation (PSO) dates:

1/23-26/07

4/24-27/07

Recruitment Training:

2/6-7/07 – Aberdeen, NC

5/8-9/07 – TBD

TFF:

2/27 – 3/1 – Contact Ruth Kravitz



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child**