

## Public Health AmeriCorps & AmeriCorps VISTA Collaboration: Frequently Asked Questions

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1. How are AmeriCorps VISTA and Public Health AmeriCorps collaborating?

*Answer: AmeriCorps VISTA and Public Health AmeriCorps are collaborating to provide public health training resources to VISTA members in the health field. As of April 2023, current and future VISTA members who have the Healthy Futures focus area marked on their VISTA Assignment Descriptions (VADs) will have access to the same supplementary no-cost training resources as Public Health AmeriCorps members operating through AmeriCorps State & National.*

2. What are the additional training resources that Public Health AmeriCorps is offering to AmeriCorps VISTA members with a Healthy Futures focus area?

*Answer: These resources include the [foundational public health training](#) designed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a virtual speaker series, and additional professional development opportunities.*

3. Are all VISTAs eligible to participate in Public Health AmeriCorps resource offerings?

*Answer: Public Health AmeriCorps is providing access to additional public health training resources for VISTAs already doing public health work. VISTAs who have the Healthy Futures focus area marked on their VISTA Assignment Descriptions (VADs) are eligible to access Public Health AmeriCorps offerings.*

4. I am an eligible AmeriCorps VISTA member interested in taking the CDC foundational training. How do I do that?

*Answer: To access the CDC foundational public health training you must make an account in CDC TRAIN. Instructions on how to make an account in CDC TRAIN can be found [here](#).*

5. I am an eligible AmeriCorps VISTA member interested in accessing the speaker series and other professional development opportunities. How will I have access?

*Answer: The Public Health AmeriCorps team will email eligible VISTAs from [PublicHealth@americorps.gov](mailto:PublicHealth@americorps.gov) with information on additional professional development opportunities such as the virtual speaker series events. As a reminder, this is all optional for VISTAs who are already working in public health.*



6. Are participating AmeriCorps VISTA members now also Public Health AmeriCorps members?

*Answer: No, accessing additional Public Health AmeriCorps resources does not change your status as an AmeriCorps VISTA member.*

7. I cannot log into my AmeriCorps portal to access my NSPID number. What do I do?

*Answer: If you need assistance accessing the My AmeriCorps Portal please contact the National Service Hotline at 1-800-942-2677.*

8. I am having trouble accessing the CDC training in CDC TRAIN. What do I do?

*Answer: Please contact [TRAIN@cdc.gov](mailto:TRAIN@cdc.gov) if you have any technical issues creating an account or accessing the training plans.*

9. Are AmeriCorps VISTA members with Healthy Futures focus area required to participate in these additional Public Health AmeriCorps offerings?

*Answer: No, all Public Health AmeriCorps resources that are opened to eligible VISTAs are entirely optional.*

If you still have additional questions, please reach out to [PublicHealth@americorps.gov](mailto:PublicHealth@americorps.gov).