



## Challenging You To Make A Difference

**\*Empowering youth \*Connecting people \*Changing Communities**

The Maine Youth Action Network (MYAN), a statewide program of the Peoples Regional Opportunity Program, [www.propeople.org](http://www.propeople.org), is seeking two highly motivated people to make a difference through a year of National Service as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA (Volunteer In Service To America). Benefits for full-time service include a monthly living allowance of \$909.00, health care coverage, childcare coverage for eligible applicants, an end of year education award voucher of \$4,725 or a cash stipend of \$1,200, educational loan deferment, and significant professional development.

MYAN's *mission is to train, support, connect, and advocate for youth organized to effect positive change though school and community-based peer programs throughout Maine.* MYAN promotes youth involvement and empowerment in its daily operations and supports other organizations in taking this important step by facilitating regional support networks, coordinating an e-mail-based communication network and publishing e-newsletters in addition to a web page at [www.myan.org](http://www.myan.org). Staff provide regional trainings, technical assistance to youth groups and their adult coordinators and organizes the Annual Peer Leadership Conference attended by over 400 youth and adults statewide and the Stop, Quit Resist Anti-Tobacco Youth Summit attended by over 200 youth and adults. MYAN also supports youth engagement in School Based Health Centers in Maine and has spent this past year assisting the Department of Education in bringing two youth on to the state board of education.

MYAN is a program of the People's Regional Opportunity Program (PROP). Founded in 1965, PROP is the nonprofit, multi-service Community Action agency serving the people and communities of Cumberland County, Maine. Several PROP programs serve residents of York County as well and two programs (including MYAN) serve residents of the entire state. PROP's *mission is to identify and address the societal, economic, educational, and health needs that exist in Maine.* PROP accomplishes this by utilizing any and all resources that lead toward the elimination of barriers that prevent people from reaching their full potential.

Both VISTA positions will work as part of the MYAN team to help plan and organize MYAN's Peer Leadership Conference and Anti-tobacco Summit. In addition to these larger events, each of the positions will have their own project to lead.

One of the Vista positions will focus on increasing membership in the MYAN network through marketing, recruitment efforts and database management. This will include developing marketing and outreach materials and sending to prospective members, promoting the network at events, and researching and reaching out to groups and organizations that are not yet connected to MYAN.

The second VISTA position will primarily focus on assessment and evaluation. This position will work collaboratively with an evaluation consultant to develop and implement tools & strategies to improve evaluation of the impact of MYAN's work on individuals and groups. This will include potentially training others, such as youth staff & volunteers, to use the tools as necessary. The AmeriCorps\*VISTA will develop systems to support the evaluation project to be sustainable moving forward.

The ideal candidates will demonstrate deep respect for and understanding of young people, a sense of humor, enthusiasm, comfort working with youth and staff from diverse backgrounds, superior written and oral communication skills, strong interpersonal skills, and computer competency. S/he will be able to handle multiple tasks and projects, to work independently, and to travel within Maine as necessary. Applicants should be comfortable using phone and email, have an interest in working in an office environment and be comfortable working with databases. Applicants should have at least some college or equivalent experience.

A VISTA volunteer working with MYAN will enjoy supportive colleagues, a reflective supervision model, and a strong commitment to lifelong growth and development. S/he will gain skills in facilitation, event planning, marketing, database management, and public relations. This position will provide opportunities for networking and learning about youth programs from around the state, and would be ideal for someone interested in a career in youth empowerment or nonprofit management.

To apply, please visit <http://mainevista.net> This AmeriCorps\*VISTA position is part of Communities for Children & Youth (C4CY). C4CY is an initiative of Maine's Children's Cabinet, bringing together the resources of state and federal government with the leadership, organization and concern of local communities to solve problems facing Maine's children and families. For more information about becoming a VISTA, visit [www.mainevista.net](http://www.mainevista.net).