

# Connecting Resources

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**Mary:** And this is really important. One of the things that we emphasize, no matter what we are doing, is that a VISTA, in our case, is not going into a community to save it. Ok, so we may send a Member who is not part of that community there, and we make sure that they understand that they're not going to save it—that they respect and honor the resources. We believe that as well. Because we honor the resources, we're accepted quicker in a community, so it's easier for us to find people from within that community to then become VISTA.