

Service Lays the Ground Work for an Entire Career

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Ellen: Really what we're doing is building the capacity and the professional skills of some rural people who then stay, often, in rural Alaska and then benefit their communities that way. That's another reason why some of our word of mouth recruitment practices have grown over the past few years. We're now talking to a lot of site supervisors who were VISTA and AmeriCorps members and they're mentoring kind of this new generation coming through. We're just wrapping up our VISTA energy program that's finished in April, and right now six of the nine VISTA energy members have gone on to find full time work as a direct result of their VISTA service.