

## Community Connections Specialist Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)

Albany LEAD's mission is to help people living with mental health or substance use challenges, poverty, or homelessness, and reduce their chances of future legal problems.

Albany LEAD is committed to enhancing public safety and health, with a focus on reducing racial inequality in the justice system. We bring together law enforcement, government leaders, and community figures to provide comprehensive support services.

*The ideal candidate should be comfortable meeting new people, and communicating with individuals from a multitude of backgrounds as our initiative works with people at all levels of influence in our community from neighbors at community events to local politicians and changemakers. An individual with a background in communications is preferred, along with interest and/or experience in using visual media to tell a cohesive story. A successful candidate will likely have expertise in social media management and video development. Lastly, an individual who is flexible and has a growth mindset is important in this role.*

### Goals and Duties of The Position

The VISTA, serving as the Community Connections Specialist, will focus on empowering community members through:

- Support administrative planning and report writing related to outreach events
- Create compelling marketing materials and promote storytelling content to showcase organizational impact
- Develop and maintain social media campaigns to raise awareness about social determinants of health and their effects on individuals
- Work with multiple agency and criminal justice system partners to film, edit, and produce videos about our work
- Revise and enhance training materials to reflect current practices and program goals
- Design and document procedures for annual reporting and data collection to ensure accuracy and consistency

## **Professional Development**

As a part of the ACE program, VISTA members take part in our monthly team building days, attend AmeriCorps trainings, and have access to Siena's faculty to learn more about their areas of interest.

## **Minimum Qualifications:**

Candidates must:

- be 18 years or older
- have an Associate's level education or higher (Lived experience is also valued and considered in lieu of or in addition to the candidate's educational degree(s).)
- be US citizen or have permanent resident status
- have a growth mindset
- have the ability to pass required volunteer or pre-employment background checks

## **Living Allowance:**

VISTAs earn a living allowance for their service. The annual living allowance is \$24,852, which is \$957.46 on a bi-weekly basis.

## **Benefits:**

- Supportive cohort of peers
- Ten free meals a week at Siena College
- Loan deferment for qualified student loans
- 10 paid personal and 10 paid sick days
- Siena Gym/Library/Career and Internship Center Access
- Professional Development funds
- CDTA bus pass
- [Non-competitive eligibility for federal employment](#)
- \$7,395.00 Education Award upon successful completion of full-service term

Note: VISTAs and VISTA Leaders do not have access to on-campus housing.

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## Join the ACE VISTA Network!

We are currently recruiting for 21 high-impact positions across the Capital Region.

### How to Apply:

- Direct Link: [Click Here to Apply](#) OR
- Visit the [My AmeriCorps Portal](#)
  - Click “**Search Listings**”
  - Search for keyword “ACE”

### Connect With Us:

- Visit Our Website: [Siena University AmeriCorps VISTA](#)
- Follow Us on Instagram: [@sienavistas](#)

Contact **Erin Spence** at [espence@siena.edu](mailto:espence@siena.edu) with any questions.

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