



Mid - Valley Youth Development Network Overview

The Youth Development Regional Network position is the community liaison for two state-wide organizations, Oregon Mentors and OregonASK. This entry level coordinator position has a wide variety of responsibilities and is essential in building local network of youth development workers. The coordinator is an Americorps VISTA, whose position is funded by the Meyer Memorial Trust for three years.

Goal 1: Build a Regional Network of mentoring and after school programs in the greater Mid-Valley region to promote program quality and sustainability, thereby permitting them to reach more low-income youth.

Goal 2: Increase community awareness about, and resources for, mentoring and afterschool program needs of: (1) volunteers; (2) financial support; (3) links to parents, teachers, and school administrators; and (4) identifying and meeting gaps in service to low-income youth.

- Eighty percent (80%) of the coordinator's time will be devoted to that project, with activities such as organizing trainings, communicating with service providers, building community awareness, planning events, recruiting volunteers and raising funds.

Key Responsibilities

- Coordinate and facilitate a kick off meeting and 3 trainings of mentoring and afterschool organizations. Maintain a database of programs, manage correspondence, organize meeting logistics, identify trainers.
- Collect information from mentoring programs and after school programs and update Oregon Mentors and OregonASK websites.
- Write funding proposals to local foundations and corporations to support the VISTA Volunteer position.
- Build community awareness and relationships with organizations. Recruit volunteers.
- Attend Vista trainings and professional development workshops.

Hosting Organizations – OregonASK & Oregon R&R

- Twenty percent (20%) of the coordinator's time will be dedicated to OregonASK to compliment the Youth Development Network Project. In that role, the coordinator will:
 - a) participate and support the OregonASK executive team, steering committee and standing committee meetings
 - b) disseminate information from the OregonASK Afterschool Resource Center
 - c) support OregonASK training coordinator in TA & training for 21stCCLC afterschool programs
 - d) develop statewide database of afterschool programs
 - e) create system for dissemination of information (quarterly e-news, listserve) to Oregon afterschool programs
 - f) Work with state partner Resource and Referral on school age project

**Oregon Youth Development Network
Project Plan Year 1**

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Project Partner

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Project Sites

Klamath-Lake YDN (serving Klamath & Lake counties from Klamath Falls)

Host Site: Citizens for Safe Schools, (541) 882-3198

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Rogue Valley YDN (serving Jackson & Josephine counties from Medford)

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Mid-Valley YDN (serving Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties from Salem)

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