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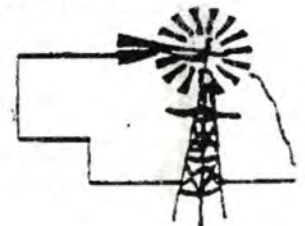
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SECTION IV. VISTA VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT  
Problem No. 1

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Proj. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Training Class No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Training Start Date \_\_\_\_\_  
No. ACTION-Referred Vols. \_\_\_\_\_  
Skill Code \_\_\_\_\_

1. Sponsor's Name	3. Geographic Area(s) of Volunteer Assignment
Nebraska Department of Social Services	Douglas, Custer, Valley, Holt, Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, Webster Counties

2. Location (City, State)	4. Number of Volunteers required for this assignment
Broken Bow, Hastings, Omaha	3

## 5. Briefly describe sponsoring organization and VISTA Project.

The mission of the Nebraska Department of Social Services is to help people maintain and enhance their human dignity and increase their opportunity for self-sufficiency and independence. The Department further believes that it is important to be flexible, creative, and actively responsive to the needs of those it serves. In an effort to provide for those low-income vulnerable adults that do not have friends or relatives capable or willing to serve as guardian, conservator, or payee, this project will provide trained volunteers to serve in this capacity.

## 6. Identify the problem(s) described in SECTION II to which assignment relates.

The purpose of the VISTA project is to assist communities in developing guardian, conservator or payee services to low-income vulnerable adults in need of legal, personal, or financial representation. These persons have no family or friends capable or willing to serve as guardian, conservator, or payee. VISTA volunteers will develop a community-based program and ongoing community support for the continuance of the program. In the eight-county service area, the overall population was 470,211 in 1980 with percent of the population in poverty ranging from 9.81% to 17.58%. The percent of aged in poverty ranges from 11.9% to 24.22%. VISTA volunteers will establish multi-agency committees to recruit and train guardian conservator or payee volunteers. In communities where a committee has already been formed, the VISTA will recruit and train volunteers. They will also coordinate public relations to disseminate information about the program. The low-income people will benefit from these services because existing services are often accessible only to those with substantial financial resources.

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1. Sponsor's Name	3. Geographic Area(s) of Volunteer Assignment
Nebraska Department of Social Services	Omaha Metro, Lincoln/Lancaster District, Southeast District
2. Location (City, State)	4. Number of Volunteers required for this assignment.
Omaha, Lincoln, Falls City, David City, Wahoo, Beatrice	Omaha Metro - 1 Lincoln/Lancaster District - 1 Southeast District - 6

## 5. Briefly describe sponsoring organization and VISTA Project.

The mission of the Department of Social Services is to help people maintain and enhance their human dignity and increase their opportunities for self-sufficiency and independence. The Department further believes that it is important to be flexible, creative, and actively responsive to the needs of those it serves. The VISTA project will enhance families' understanding of the benefits of preventative health care. Early diagnosis and intervention of medical problems will result in more effective treatment, better prognosis and healthy children.

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The Medicaid population of persons under 21 years of age in the target area is 31,694. 1990 Health Check tracking statistics for the three-district area indicate 30,887 children are eligible for health care screenings with 13,904 participating or 45.89% usage of the program. 16,983 children have not been served indicating a need to better promote the benefits of obtaining and maintaining medical care and also a need to gather more information about barriers that may exist. These children will be the target population of this VISTA project. Our goal is to increase the overall participation rate to 55% in the three districts, which will be identified by medical providers on billing for services.

Traditionally, people do not seek medical care until there is a problem. If parents and youth adults are in the habit of routine maintenance of health care, then areas such as drug/alcohol, eating disorders, poor emotional health, can be addressed early to prevent a large population of ill individuals. Many of our parents are teens which increases the risks for themselves and their children.

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SECTION IV. VISTA VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT  
Problem No. 5

1. Sponsor's Name  Nebraska Department of Social Services	3. Geographic Area(s) of Volunteer Assignment  Lancaster County - Lincoln/Lancaster District
2. Location (City, State)  Lincoln	4. Number of Volunteers required for this assignment.  1

## 5. Briefly describe sponsoring organization and VISTA Project.

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Child Protective Services serves families where there are identified breakdowns within the family system, specifically where parents have engaged in various types of maltreatment of one or more of their children. If rehabilitation of the family is to occur, contact between children and parents needs to take place even though children may continue to be at risk for abuse and neglect by their parents. The site will provide for an opportunity for families to come together AND provide an appropriate level of supervision to assure the safety of at risk, abused and neglected children. This will be accomplished through the utilization of volunteers trained in crisis intervention, child development, dynamics of abuse and neglect and accepted parenting practices.

## 6. Identify the problem(s) described in SECTION II to which assignment relates.

Of the 534 low-income CPS children in Lancaster County, 163 require supervised visitations. Visitation is often limited or totally halted due to lack of an appropriate visitation site and/or people to supervise visits. This is especially true for low-income families when parents are homeless or reside in housing which is below minimal standards and who lack financial resources to take their children to places where fees are charged.

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1. Sponsor's Name	3. Geographic Area(s) of Volunteer Assignment
Nebraska Department of Social Services	Lincoln, Fremont and Norfolk, Nebraska
2. Location (City, State)	4. Number of Volunteers required for this assignment.
Lincoln, Fremont, and Norfolk, Nebraska	3

## 5. Briefly describe sponsoring organization and VISTA Project.

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Respite will become a part of the continuum of care in which children are placed in the least restrictive appropriate placement and enhance the ability to keep children with their families when possible. The purpose of respite care is to provide temporary (48 hours maximum) child care/supervision relief to families with children/youth who are at risk of abuse/neglect or out-of-home placement. Respite care can be provided in the home of the child or of the respite provider. The intent is that respite care will be planned and act as a preventive service before a crisis is reached. However, the services will also attempt to meet the needs of a family when a crisis occurs.

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There are currently 744 families (1,327 children) served by Child Protective Services in the Lincoln/Lancaster and Northeast Districts. Of these, about 60% are low-income. Of those being served by CPS it is estimated that 30% (223 families) would benefit from respite services.

Many low-income households are single parent, have no extended family, and/or have no nearby support system to assist them with their children. When families with lack of support systems and financial resources are experiencing stress their children are at risk of abuse/neglect. Respite care provides a break for the parents and a safe place for the children.

The communities lack adequate respite care resources. Although there is funding for families with disabled children there are no funds to pay for respite care for low income families whose children are not disabled. Nor do programs exist which recruit providers for respite care for this population.