

Rough Outline for VISTA Worker

Reasons for the Existence of a Soup Kitchen:

Enormous inner-city need for free food services, sense of community and identity, aid without bureaucratic impediments, basic need of all humans for conversation and contact with and support from others.

Summer Goals:

1. a) Establish steady and reliable food donations - regular grocery pick ups, food drives from organizations. Increase meal servings.
- b) Work on financial donations from local agencies and individuals.
- c) Location that can quickly result in establishing a sense of permanence and a strong community tie and the basic equipment needed. Involve participants and neighboring businesses in preparation of the facility.
- d) Publicity - flyers, news media, bulletin boards, speaking to local organizations, newsletter.
- e) Community volunteers.
2. Communication with similar groups in the state for advice and support.
3. Work on intern position for the fall.

September to December Goals:

1. Investigate grant and other sizeable donation possibilities. Attention needed to those that will not provide actual funding for a considerable time after application.
2. Compile handbook of all local service agencies and their functions for referral use. Establish personal contact and working relationship with particular individuals in these agencies. Development of consultation for staff and volunteers.
3. Continued publicity and work for community involvement, recognition and acceptance.

December to July Goals:

1. Intensive fund raising - grants, local companies.
2. Work on staffing for 1979-80, i.e., VISTA worker, internships, student projects, counseling services from local ministers or social workers.
3. Development of facility toward a community center - volunteers for longer opening of facility, games, crafts, music.
4. Continued work for community involvement such as having local businesses post job openings at the facility.

Structuring of Time for VISTA worker:

Mornings: Phonecalls, Publicity preparation, grocery pick-ups, correspondence meetings, grant preparation.

Afternoons: Visits to local donation sources, visits to establish referrals, meetings for coordination with interns and/or volunteers.

The VISTA worker should be present at all meal servings.

Nights and Weekends: Speaking engagements and attending the meetings of other organizations.