

Full-Time Position: Housing Rights VISTA

The **Coalition for the Homeless** is seeking a dynamic individual interested in serving as a **Homes for All AmeriCorps VISTA worker** who will lead the community in creating and implementing systems that prevent homelessness in Metro Louisville through housing stabilization and eviction prevention.

The Coalition has been the lead advocate for people experiencing homelessness in Louisville since 1986, when we were founded by community leaders. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to prevent and end homelessness in Louisville. Our job is to strategically evaluate the needs of the homeless and our 30+ member agencies, and to implement smart, long-term solutions. We work to end homelessness and housing insecurity through coordination, community education, and advocating for system changes.

The Homes for All VISTA reports to the Education and Advocacy Director and supports homerenters at risk of homelessness, eviction, and housing instability. The VISTA will spend the majority of their time working with community groups and directly impacted people to produce relevant materials and resources to support renters. The position is expected to work 3-5 evenings and weekends a month and have reliable transportation.

Responsibilities:

- 1. Organize tenants to elevate the voice of directly-impacted people;
- 2. Engage volunteers in reaching out to neighbors to remind them of their court date and prepare for it;
- 3. Coordinate a social media campaign and educational resources on eviction prevention;
- 4. Raise awareness about renter rights and financial assistance resources.
- 5. Present to community organizations, schools, and relevant organization about renters' rights and affordable housing in Louisville, KY
- 6. Build relationships with housing and community organizations
- 7. Work with homerenters and volunteers to increase community engagement and ensure work is centered on the voices of those who are directly impacted
- 8. Create and disseminate educational resources to decrease eviction filings and judgments against homerenters

Qualifications:

- 1. Ability to work with diverse people in all Louisville Metro zip codes
- 2. Willingness to partner with others
- 3. Good communication skills

- 4. Creative problem solving
- 5. Ability to connect and communicate history and policy to renters' lived experiences

A preference will be given to those with a lived experience of homelessness or eviction.

Compensation:

- living allowance of \$15,002 (paid bi-weekly)
- \$1,000/month rental stipend
- money for college or student loans or a cash stipend after your service ends
- health insurance
- paid leave (10 sick days; 10 vacation days)
- relocation assistance, child care assistance (income eligible)
- loan forbearance
- student loan interest payment
- non-compete eligibility for federal jobs
- training professional and personal development

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about the Homes for All Vista program.

<u>Click here</u> to see the full plan for the position attached.

To Apply:

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to George Eklund at geklund@louhomeless.org.



