

# VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

**Title:** Coalition Suicide Prevention Specialist - PSC

**Sponsoring Organization:** United Way of Escambia County  
**Project Name:** Strengthening our Community by Aligning Systems  
**Project Number:** 16VSSFL002  
**Project Period:** 06/11/2017 - 08/04/2018

**Site Name (if applicable):** Pensacola State College

**Focus Area(s)**

**Primary:** Healthy Futures

**Secondary:**

## VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities

**Goal of the Project:** The C.A.R.E.S. program's future intent is to implement a suicide prevention coalition for Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

**Objective of the Assignment** (*Period of Performance: July 2017-June 2018*)

Establish the EscaRosa Suicide Prevention Coalition and develop an EscaRosa Suicide Prevention Strategy

**Member Activity:** Build relationships with various agencies currently working in suicide prevention, intervention, postvention or dealing with suicidal individuals (including, but not limited to: Lakeview Center, West Florida Behavioral Health Services, NAMI Pensacola, Pensacola Police Department, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Sacred Heart Hospital, Escambia County Department of Health, Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties School Districts)

**Member Activity:** Coordinate with those agencies to meet at least quarterly to work together to create a suicide prevention strategy for Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, based on the National and State of Florida Suicide Prevention Strategies

**Objective of the Assignment** (*Period of Performance: July 2017-June 2018*)

Establish a Suicide Loss Survivors Support Group and Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team

**Member Activity:** Work with at least two mental health or community support agencies (including but not limited to: the Trauma Intervention Program, Pensacola Police Department, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Lakeview Center and West Florida Behavioral Health) to begin a Suicide Loss Survivors Support group and a LOSS Team

**Member Activity:** Develop a plan of support and sustainability, including promotion, recruiting and training, for the Loss Survivors Support group and the LOSS Team

**Objective of the Assignment** (*Period of Performance: July 2017-June 2018*)

Increase suicide prevention community resources, including coordinating a national speaker, providing appropriate training opportunities for community members and promoting suicide prevention resources

**Member Activity:** Coordinate a national speaker event

**Member Activity:** Coordinate Safe Zone and Mental Health First Aid training for community members

**Member Activity:** Promote the Crisis Text Line, Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Trevor Lifeline, including through placement of suicide prevention resources in local hospitals and to first responder agencies