

AmeriCorps VISTA Grantee Failed to Conduct a Compliant National Service Criminal History Check

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CNCS-OIG investigated allegations that AmeriCorps VISTA members (VISTA) serving in the Hunger Free America (HFA), New York City, NY, AmeriCorps VISTA program recorded false hours and that HFA staff failed to accurately allocate their time spent on the program.

The investigation found no evidence to support these allegations. However, investigators determined HFA failed to conduct a compliant National Service Criminal History Check (CHC) on one employee because the National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) check was conducted late and not all states reported results. This violated 45 C.F.R. § 2540.204.

Agency/Administrative Actions

CNCS management concurred with CNCS-OIG's findings that HFA's search of the NSOPW was noncompliant due to the NSOPW check being late and incomplete and ultimately disallowed nominal costs pursuant to the sanctions matrix.

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