The LCSAC exists for the following purposes:

- To reduce the incidence of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Lake County.
- To invite groups and individuals who wish to propose programs to combat substance abuse through education, treatment and justice.
- To formulate and implement a countywide comprehensive plan.
- To fund proposed projects by the awarding of grants from the local portion of the Drug Free Community Fund to help fulfill the Mission.
- To hold accountable those individuals and organizations receiving grants from the Council, requiring that their project is geared towards the Council's goals and guidelines.
- To network and facilitate/foster with similar groups the sharing of information relative to prevention, education, treatment, intervention and justice.
- To advocate legislative concerns both locally and statewide as it relates to the goal and vision of the Council.
History of AmeriCorps

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy envisioned a national service corps “to help provide urgently needed services in urban and rural poverty areas.”

President Johnson realized President Kennedy’s dream and created AmeriCorps in order to fight poverty.

President William Clinton expanded national service to create AmeriCorps, with the signing of the National Community Service Trust Act in 1993. VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) then became part of the AmeriCorps network. It operates by the Corporation for National & Community Service, a Federal Agency.

President Johnson’s legacy lives on today through the efforts of over 5,000 VISTA members serving in over 1000 projects nationwide.

Did You Know?

- Nationally, 12 percent of all homeless adults are veterans.
- In 2012 there was an estimated number of 31,583 Veterans living in Lake County. 7.8% of an estimated 31,367 of those veterans were determined below poverty.
- Out of 31,535 veterans 25 years and over, 10.8% completed less than the High School Graduate level.
- .4 percent of veterans, aged 25 to 34, were unemployed compared to 9.5 percent of non-veterans of the same age group.
- In 2012, the army reported 182 suicides, outnumbering the 176 who were killed in combat while serving in the war in Afghanistan.
- The Veterans Crisis Line has answered more than 975,000 calls since its launch in 2007 and made more than 32,500 life-saving rescues, according to its website.

Goal of the VetCorps Project

The CADCA VetCorps Prevention Coordinator – VISTA (VPC) will focus on enhancing the coalition’s capacity to address veterans’ issues, specifically substance abuse and mental health issues along with housing and unemployment issues, within their respective communities. The overall goal of the CADCA VetCorps project is to build the capacity of the community to support military service members and their families.

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