



ANNOUNCEMENT OF Field Placement Opportunity

Student Intern, Youth Violence Prevention
Minneapolis Youth Violence Intervention Program (MYVIP)
May 2012 through 2012

Background and Project:

Field Placement opportunity is available with the Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support (MDHFS) for a graduate student seeking a degree in Public Policy, Social Work, or Public Health; dual degree students are encouraged to apply. This is an unpaid internship for up to 20 hours/week that requires the student to collaborate with the MDHFS Youth Violence Prevention Team and Minneapolis's local hospital administrators and social work departments. The scope of this project is to implement the Minneapolis Youth Violence Intervention Program (MYVIP) within the hospitals. MYVIP is a coordinated youth violence hospital protocol that has been designed to respond to trauma cases that present in the Emergency Department. These cases include youth that have been involved in gang related violence and/or peer-to-peer violence.

Key Partners include Community Based Organizations that will address the needs of each patient. These needs are assessed by the Hospital Social Worker in three tiers: 1. Basic Needs; 2. Trauma Crisis Support; 3. Mental Health/Professional Counseling.

Assignment Responsibilities:

- Meet and connect with Administrators at MDHFS and Partner Hospitals/Social Work Departments
- Coordinate and continue roll out the project by organizing in-service trainings for staff and promote buy-in with partners
- Develop and formalize MYVIP, create a Standard Overriding Communication Objective for the project
- Track and evaluate the impact of MYVIP by collecting data on MYVIP participants, work with hospital staff to monitor intakes of patients

Learning Objectives for Field Placement:

- Apply critical thinking skills within context of professional public policy, social work, or public health practice with a community/administrative focus
- Promote student/patient/community/institutional understanding, affirmation, and respect for people from diverse backgrounds: age, class, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, family structure, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation
- Apply the knowledge and skills of policy/administrative/community social work practice with systems based approach
- Analyze, formulate, and understand mechanisms of influence when responding to organizational policies
- Use communication skills differentially across client populations, colleagues, and communities
- Use supervision and consultation appropriate to public policy, social work, or public health practice
- Function within the structure of organizations and service delivery systems

Knowledge and Skills Preferred:

- Knowledge and interest related to violence prevention, systems thinking, and project development
- Strong skills and experience in managing time well and building relationships to move project forward
- Strong analytic skills and ability to synthesize various sources of information
- Ability to present information and ideas accurately, effectively, and concisely for a variety of audiences
- Experience working with community residents and organizations, especially low-income populations and communities of color
- Knowledge and familiarity with diverse cultures, beliefs and lifestyles
- Ability to work in an environment which requires flexibility, responsiveness, and multi-tasking
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Proficient skill set in all MS Office Applications, including electronic communication

How to Apply:

In order to be considered, cover letter and resume must be received no later than **10:00 am, February 10, 2012.**

Email, fax or mail your information to: Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support
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BACKGROUND CHECK: The City has determined that a criminal background check and/or qualifications check will be required for this intern position.

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