

A few examples of **Advocacy** Placements available through The Philadelphia Center

ActionAIDS; Social Work Intern: ActionAIDS is a Philadelphia-based organization in partnership with people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, that works to sustain and enhance quality of life. ActionAIDS provides a range of direct services and takes an active and professional approach to leadership in service, education and advocacy. Staff, volunteers and the board of directors are committed to including and assisting people from our heterogeneous community and are responsive to the dynamic needs generated by the epidemic.

Children's Crisis Treatment Center; Therapeutic Nursery Assistant: Children's Crisis Treatment Center (CCTC) is committed to providing high quality, comprehensive mental health services to Philadelphia's neediest children and their families. These services address the effects of abuse, neglect, traumatic events, and other challenges to early childhood development and assist children in reaching their full potential within their homes, community and society. CCTC delivers licensed and professional services that are tailored to meet the needs of each child. The children served at CCTC come from throughout the entire city of Philadelphia but most often from the under-served communities in the city. Many of the children are victims of abuse or have experienced traumatic events. The services are provided by a culturally diverse staff trained to provide high quality care and are supervised by licensed professionals. The Therapeutic Nursery is an early childhood partial hospitalization program for children ages 3 through 5 with emotional, behavioral, and multiple learning problems. The Therapeutic Nursery provides the following services: psychological and psychiatric evaluations; individual treatment planning and multi-disciplinary review; developmentally child-centered therapeutic activities; individual therapies; speech and language Services; medication management; case management; nursing services; and family counseling.

Maternity Care Coalition; MOMobile: Maternity Care Coalition's mission is to improve maternal and child health and well being through the collaborative efforts of individuals, families, providers and communities. MCC's MOMobile Program began in 1989 as a community-based outreach and family support program for pregnant women, new parents, infants and their families. Community health workers called MOMobile Advocates help families negotiate health care and social service systems, linking them to prenatal care, pediatric and women's health care, no cost or low cost health insurance for children, behavioral health services, nutrition programs and other community resources. Advocates also facilitate voter registration, cultural mediation and disseminate welfare to work information. Advocates provide health education (including HIV prevention and lead poisoning reduction) and case management to families through the new baby's first birthday. Students interested in social work, human service, public health, health, counseling, advocacy, and working with families would benefit from placement at the Maternity Care Coalition.

The Pennsylvania Prison Society; Caseworker/Advocate: The Pennsylvania Prison Society, founded on fundamentals embedded in the United States Constitution, has been an unwavering voice for justice and humanity for more than two centuries. The Pennsylvania Prison Society's mission is to advocate for a humane, just and restorative correctional system, and to promote a rational approach to criminal justice issues. This reform agency works to improve state and county prisons and to promote alternatives to incarceration. Caseworker/Advocates are involved in prison visits, advocacy, community service, and professional publications. Student gains understanding of inmates, and families/friends of prisoners. Opportunity to learn about inmate rights and prison administration.

Project H.O.M.E.; Advocacy Intern: Since 1989, Project H.O.M.E. (Housing, Opportunities, Medical Care, and Education) has helped more than 6,800 individuals in Philadelphia break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. The mission of the Project H.O.M.E. community is to empower persons to break that cycle, to address structural causes of poverty, and to enable all people to attain full potential as individuals and as members of the broader society. This is achieved by providing a continuum of care comprised of street outreach; supportive housing; and comprehensive services including health care, education, and employment. Project H.O.M.E. also addresses the root causes of homelessness through neighborhood revitalization programs, including affordable housing development; employment training and opportunities; adult and youth education; health care; and environmental enhancement. Advocacy and Counseling Assistant works in entry-level residences, in the areas of outreach and advocacy. The placement can be designed to fit specific interests of the student drawing on a range of supportive services including: health care, mental health services, recovery services dealing with substance abuse issues, and more.

Women's Medical Fund; Access Counselor: WMF is a small non-profit involved in reproductive justice. We provide financial and other assistance to low-income women who wish to terminate a pregnancy but lack the resources to obtain a safe legal abortion. The Student Access Counselors staff our client help line providing direct services such as financial assistance, information, and referrals to women and teens. Additional projects may be arranged based on intern desires and organizational needs. Ideal candidates will possess: a commitment to reproductive rights; an ability to work with people of diverse backgrounds; a supportive and non-judgmental manner; attention to detail; initiative. Examples of projects may include: Physician Education about Medicaid Funding for Abortion. This is an educational project that includes brochures and a formal presentation that we developed this summer. This fall we will be marketing both and we will be presenting the program around the region. Easy Access to Abortion for Poor Women. This is the name of one of our initiatives from our strategic plan, and it refers to a project we will be doing this fall. We will explore ways to make our client services more efficient and ways to reach more women who might need our help.