

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

The Career Wardrobe; Boutique Staff: The Career Wardrobe is a non-profit organization empowering women to succeed through providing work appropriate clothing and workshops that educate and inspire. TCW bridges the gap between job training programs and employment by providing free professional clothing and personal development seminars for low-income women. Responsibilities may vary depending on the student's interests and skills. Interns will assist with basic office duties, the dressing program, and following up with donors. Each intern is requested to submit no less than three projects they would like to work on during their internship. TCW staff will choose one of these projects for completing. Additional projects may include: database management, workshop management, fundraising, event management, boutique staffing and inventory management. The intern must be able to work well with women of diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds. Retail experience helpful, but not necessary.

Energy Coordinating Agency; Programs Intern: The Energy Coordinating Agency of Philadelphia (ECA) is a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to ensuring that households have access to safe, affordable, and reliable sources of energy and water. ECA collaborates with twelve community organizations that host Neighborhood Energy Centers to provide services that help tens of thousands of low-income households deal with utility debt and rising energy costs each year. The City of Philadelphia Office of Housing and Community Development sponsors this work. ECA's NEC Programs office coordinates NEC activities. The intern will assist the NEC Programs Director to improve systems client recruitment and screening, to help facilitate the launch of the Energy Phil Loan screening and referral project, and to help coordinate a strategic planning process. The intern will support to the Programs Director to engage NEC staff and other stakeholders in strategic planning and advocacy. He/she will assist the organization of a Community Task Force for Public Policy that will meet monthly this spring, and receive research assignments from this group. Assignments will also involve communications regarding monthly NEC manager meetings, and support for training and monitoring of NEC participation in new service projects. We are seeking a student with experience in helping to plan and organize events and would like to learn more about public policies in the areas of energy conservation, energy education, and tenant rights. This person should be proficient with writing and e-mail software, and have an interest in public policy issues.

Equality Advocates of Pennsylvania; Volunteer Program Assistant: Equality Advocates Pennsylvania, the only organization in Pennsylvania dedicated to achieving equality for LGBT individuals through direct legal services, policy reform and education, is offering a new internship position. The Volunteer Program Assistant will be directly responsible for managing various aspects of our Volunteer/Activist Program. Our mission is supported by a variety of types of volunteers. We are looking for someone who possesses the skills and enthusiasm to help us maximize the effectiveness of this crucial program. The intern will work in every area of our

Volunteer/Activist Program. Minimum 10 hours a week: assist in planning and implementing local and statewide recruitment efforts; establish connections with local volunteer groups; assist in the coordination and supervision of volunteers; manage and update our volunteer database; assist in planning events; staff fall fundraising event.

Maternity Care Coalition; Advocate: 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.

New Kensington Development Corporation; Intern: New Kensington Community Development Corporation (NKCDC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to revitalizing the East Kensington, Fishtown, and Port Richmond neighborhoods in Philadelphia. Since 1985, we have been working with local residents and businesses, the city, and other partners to enhance the physical environment, increase the economic vitality, and improve the quality of life for everyone in our service area.

Sayre High School; Peer Health Education Intern: The Center for Community Partnerships is the University of Pennsylvania's primary vehicle for bringing to bear the broad range of human knowledge needed to solve the complex, interconnected problems of the American city -- so that West Philadelphia, Philadelphia, and the University itself benefit. Sayre High School is a hub of activities and program connecting University-School-Community to address health, economic, and education disparities. The student will have direct program development and implementation including school day and after school on a variety of topic/issues (nutrition, sexual health, violence, neuroscience, health careers, arts and culture, etc...); research funding for youth development programs; catalogue research outreach sites for peer health education activities; shadow meeting in the community and at Penn. This is a concrete hands-on experience with issues related to urban health and education. The intern will bridge theory and practice (especially social sciences, education, community development, women's studies, African American studies, health services, public health).

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