

A sampling of **EARLY CHILDHOOD AND K-12**  
field placements available through  
The Philadelphia Center:

**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.

**Hall Mercer; Therapeutic Day Intern:** Hall-Mercer provides a wide variety of outpatient services for children, ages 3-18 who are challenged by mental health problems. To meet specific needs, the process begins with a thorough assessment of the nature of the problem and the cultural, social and economic make-up of the family. Once these factors are determined, Hall-Mercer can suggest and deliver a number of treatment and service approaches. These include several levels of case management services as well as individual, family, group, medication and art therapy. TAP (Therapeutic Activities Program) is a therapeutic nursery school to help children ages 3-5 play and work together under the guidance of a therapist and special education teachers. STEP is a Shared Time Education Program for the social, psychological and academic needs of children ages 6-10 who are experiencing mild to moderate emotional disturbances in a regular or special education classroom. SAP (Student Assistance Program) offers a middle- and high-school based service provided by Hall-Mercer to schools in South Philadelphia through a special relationship with the School District of Philadelphia. SAP is designed to identify and assist students having school-related problems resulting from depression or suicidal feelings. As part of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, Hall Mercer provides Mental Health Services for Children and Adults at Pennsylvania Hospital.

**Independence Charter School; Intern:** Independence Charter School is a new public charter school located in Philadelphia's historic district. This elementary K-8 school enrolls children from all around the city. The school would like to incorporate a mural arts program into its curriculum, with each grade level contributing some kind of art mural to the existing wall space of the school. This is an opportunity to

develop skills in research, organization, group leadership, group teamwork, leadership of younger children, art skills, art teaching. Intern could participate in all faculty meetings and in-service events. He/she would observe children in the classroom initially, and lead small groups. Candidates should be able to think creatively and innovatively; have desire and ability to be a proactive advocate for urban education; be passionate about the importance of education in the lives of urban children; demonstrate responsibility to begin and complete tasks; and willing to work as a team member.

### **J.R. Masterman School; Student Teacher**

Masterman is a small college preparatory school located in center city Philadelphia that offers students the opportunity to become part of a challenging community of learners in a diverse environment. Student teaching and substitute teaching options may be available.

**KIPP Philadelphia Charter School; Special Projects Intern:** Established in the summer of 2003, KIPP Philadelphia Charter School (KPCS) is a free, open-enrollment public charter school that now serves 320 fifth to eighth graders. KPCS is an academically-intensive college-preparatory program that seeks to prepare each of its students to climb the mountain to college. KPCS serves all kinds of children, regardless of previous academic record. KPCS is a school with one mission -- to prepare all of our students to go to college. By working with the Director of Special Projects, the student will be taking part in a wide variety of school operations including the coordination of all volunteer efforts in the school, planning monthly and end of year field trips, planning the 8th grade promotion ceremony, coordinating new student enrollment, assembling the school yearbook, working with the KIPP Parent Association to plan family events, and basic staffing of the office. A majority of the job is project management. The student will also have the opportunity to be involved in daily classroom activities and work with teachers if he/she so chooses, as well as work with the Development Director in the regional cluster office. The ideal candidate will be organized, attention to detail, interest in working with children (or at least like being around them), enjoys working on a variety of projects, interest in community outreach and social justice issues. Internships can be tailored to fit specific student interests as needed.

### **Settlement Music School, Early Childhood Intern**

Settlement Music School's mission is to provide children and adults in the Philadelphia region with high quality instruction and activity in music and the related arts. Settlement's programs help students achieve artistic, educational and social goals. Settlement serves the broadest possible constituency, regardless of age, gender, race, color, creed, national origin, physical ability or ability to pay. Early Childhood Intern has an opportunity to work in the Kaleidoscope Preschool Arts Enrichment Program -- a model program in early childhood arts education serving Headstart preschool children and parents. Other responsibilities include assisting teachers in early childhood studio arts classes with planning and implementing curriculum.