

A few examples of **Social Work (casework)** 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.

COMHAR; Counseling Intern: Founded in 1975, COMHAR helps people of all ages and cultures in the community who have developmental disabilities, mental health concerns, physical limitations and other challenges. COMHAR provides assistance at home and a broad array of services at locations throughout Greater Philadelphia and lower Montgomery County. Providing a range of responsive programs, COMHAR's behavioral health services treat individuals who need help coping with life stresses and those who live with chronic mental illness or addiction. The Behavioral Health Division's broad array of specialized programs addresses the needs of diverse populations, including the elderly, the Latino community, individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, and those who struggle with substance abuse. Services include psychiatric evaluation; social history and assessment; psychological testing; individual, group and family psychotherapy; psychotropic medication assessment and monitoring; and evaluation of the need for other services and referrals. The Beginnings Program is a psychiatric rehabilitation program that addresses the needs of individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who are in recovery. Students work

as counseling assistants with bachelors and master's level professional staff. This placement offers the intern an excellent opportunity to learn counseling techniques, psychiatric rehabilitation skills, and work with people in recovery on an individual and group basis. Additionally, interns will learn about developing recovery plans and other documentation skills. Students learn how to work with individuals in various stages of recovery from both mental health and substance abuse. The program is both site and community based.

Defender's Association; Social Work Intern: The Defender Association of Philadelphia is an independent, non-profit organization that was created in 1934 by a group of Philadelphia lawyers who were dedicated to the ideal of high quality legal services for indigent criminal defendants. The Agency represents clients in both the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems as well as the Child Advocate Unit that services children in dependency court. Attorneys represent adult clients at all stages of the criminal process including violations of probation/parole. The Adult Social Services student intern will learn social work skills by interviewing clients who have substance abuse issues and have been identified as meeting criteria for program placement. This includes file documentation and follow up that concludes with the client's release to the treatment program. The placement includes conducting client interviews at the Philadelphia County Prisons as well as meeting with clients in the Defender Office.

Philadelphia Health Management Corporation; Intern: Services to Assist Families to Excel (SAFE) is a case management and home visiting program for Philadelphia families with children with children from birth to age five. SAFE provides families with the information, resources and support they need to protect and nurture the health of their children. Trained home visitors work closely with parents and other caregivers to help them make good choices for the health of their families. They provide parenting education and support, help women access community resources and provide personalized care depending on individual needs. SAFE services are based on the nationally recognized Partners in Parenting Education (PIPE) curriculum. Interns will perform general office work, retrieve data from client files, recruit parents into the program, and accompany case managers into the field on home visits. The intern will also have the opportunity to attend training sessions.

Project H.O.M.E; Shelter Intern: Since 1989, Project H.O.M.E. (Housing, Opportunities, Medical Care, and Education) has helped more than 5,000 people break the cycle of homelessness and poverty by providing a continuum of care comprised of street outreach supportive housing facilities and comprehensive services including health care, education, and employment. St. Columba is a shelter in West Philadelphia for chronically homeless, mentally ill men which houses 30 men on a fairly permanent basis. It targets "hard-to-reach" homeless men, many of whom are older, physically frail and resistant to programs and services. This internship can be designed to accommodate the interests of the student, including helping the men obtain benefits, accompanying the men to appointments, helping with meal preparation, etc.

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