

A few examples of **Social Work** 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.

Defender Association; Juvenile Special Defense; Social Work Intern: The Defender Association of Philadelphia is an independent, non-profit corporation 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. That ideal continues today, as some two hundred and fifteen full time assistant defenders represent clients in adult and juvenile state and federal trial and appellate courts and at civil and criminal mental health hearings as well as state and county violation of probation/parole hearings. Association attorneys also serve as the Child Advocate in neglect and dependency court. The Defender Association of Philadelphia represents approximately seventy percent of all persons arrested in Philadelphia. Full-time assistant defenders rotate their assignments by representing clients in the Municipal Court of Philadelphia, at preliminary arraignments and misdemeanor bench trials. Defender Association attorneys also appear in the Court of Common Pleas at preliminary hearings, miscellaneous motions court, juvenile delinquency hearings, and felony bench or jury. Legal/Social Work Intern works

with lawyers and social workers in Juvenile Special Defense Unit to work with juveniles that are being charge as an adult. The unit specializes in returning the juveniles back into the Juvenile Court System. Inter will take part in going on home visits and prison visits to conduct interviews with clients and their family members to write a social history. Intern will work with social histories and psychologist's evaluations to make referrals for clients to be placed in alternative treatment facilities rather than incarceration. Intern will also assist in updating social service files, and more. Intern is free to take on projects of interest.

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.

Support Center for Child Advocates; Child Advocacy Intern: A non-profit organization founded in 1977, the Support Center for Child Advocates offers free legal and social services to Philadelphia's abused and neglected children. The Support Center advocates for these child victims with the goal of securing a permanent, nurturing environment for each child in our care. Child Advocates teams specially trained volunteer attorneys with staff social workers and lawyers who are specialists in child welfare practice and children's legal issues. Working together in this unique service model, we protect children by securing social services, finding alternative homes and helping them testify in court. The Support Center for Child Advocates is reaching more children than ever before. In the past year, we provided legal and social service advocacy to more than 700 abused, neglected, abandoned and medically needy children. Support Center for Child Advocates offer services through five Core Programs: Child Protection; Medically Needy Children; Kinship Care; Child Advocacy Leadership, and Adoption. Referrals come from the courts, District Attorney's Office, Department of Human Services, hospitals and private social service agencies. As one of the few places to call for a lawyer for a needy child, Child Advocates helps children to testify, heal and thrive. Supervised by Social Workers, cases involve physical/sexual assault, neglect. Multi-disciplinary team approach advocating for the needs of the child. The social work intern will be working closely with 5010 cases which involve physical sexual assault or neglect using general case-management skills. They will also be given the opportunity to attend all staff/social work staff meetings as well as any/all trainings available.

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