

A few of the most popular SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL WORK, & ANTHROPOLOGY placements available through The Philadelphia Center:

Congreso de Latinos Unidos; Activity Leader Assistant Intern: (Congreso de Latinos Unidos is a not for profit social services agency that is committed to providing leadership in the development and operation of social, educational, economic, and health care services and resources that meet the needs of the North Philadelphia/Latino community. During the academic school year, Congreso offers five North Star after school Programs that provide children help with their homework plus recreational and expressive arts activities. Under the supervision of the Prevention Program Manager and the Site Coordinator, the ACTIVITY LEADER ASSISTANT INTERN will be assigned to a group of students to assist the Activity Leaders and/or fill in for absent Group Leaders. Duties include assisting Academic Activity Leader in preparation of classes, supervising Group Leaders, and managing the classroom. Intern will participate in hands-on education and mentoring of students in one-on-one and small group sessions, while being mentored by Activity Leaders. Student will also be responsible for supervising and assisting with special needs children, as well as assisting students with homework.

African American Museum in Philadelphia; Education and Public Program Intern: The African American Museum in Philadelphia, founded in 1976, is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the material and intellectual culture of African Americans in Philadelphia, the Delaware Valley, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Americas. The Museum's collection has grown to include over 500,000 objects, images and documents ranging from utilitarian and domestic objects to fine and folk art, memorabilia, furnishings and costumes, photographs and negatives, books and more. Education/Arts Management Intern will work with staff in Collections, Exhibitions and the Education Department. Responsibilities include: guided tours, scheduling, research, compiling program materials. Independent projects will be designed to accommodate student interest. Guided tours given daily. Opportunity to help design and implement education initiatives including tours and techniques for how to teach in galleries. Intern could also help develop PR and public programs for the museum.

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; Assistant Social Worker: 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. Juvenile Social Services Unit represents juveniles in delinquency and certification cases. Assistant Social Worker observes and assists social workers in court hearings and in preparing for dispositional hearings.

Kensington Welfare Rights Union; Student Organizer: The Kensington Welfare Rights Union (KWRU) is a multiracial organization of, by and for poor and homeless people. KWRU is dedicated to organizing welfare recipients, the homeless, the working poor and all people concerned with economic justice. While KWRU has spearheaded the national organization the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign, the organization is based in Kensington, a neighborhood in North Philadelphia. Once a center for manufacturing, Kensington is now the poorest district in the state of Pennsylvania. KWRU was started by a group of poor women in April 1991 who came together with three basic objectives: (1.) speak to the issues which directly affect the lives of poor people by testifying at local, state and national hearings and speaking at welfare offices, college campuses, religious congregations, union halls, social service agencies; (2) help all poor people get the basic necessities of life - food, clothing, utilities, medical care and housing; and (3.) organize a broad-based movement to end poverty. KWRU works closely with the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Workers, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, the Labor Party, and the National Welfare Rights Union and has growing relationships with students, the women's movement, lawyers, social workers, artists, musicians and a variety of community organizations. A student intern at KWRU will assist with problem solving in the office, from calling welfare caseworkers to planning events at the tent city, to student outreach and organizing. Opportunity to learn how a grassroots community organization operates, challenge stereotypes about poverty, and help make a difference.

Maternity Care Coalition, MOMobile; Advocacy Intern: 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 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.

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