

**A few of the most popular
WOMEN'S STUDIES placements available through
The Philadelphia Center:**

American Friends Service Committee; Women's Program Assistant: The American Friends Service Committee carries out service, development, social justice, and peace programs throughout the world. Founded by Quakers in 1917, AFSC's work attracts the support and partnership of people of many races, religions, and cultures. AFSC's work is based on the Quaker belief in the worth of every person and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice. The organization's mission and achievements won worldwide recognition in 1947 when it accepted the Nobel Peace Prize with the British Friends Service Council on behalf of all Quakers. The AFSC is directed by a Quaker board and staffed by Quakers and other people of faith who share the Friends' desire for peace and social justice. AFSC works to understand and address the root causes of poverty, injustice, and war. AFSC's goal is to relieve and prevent suffering through both immediate aid and long-term development both at home and abroad. The AFSC Nationwide Women's Program (NWP) works to insure inclusion of feminist perspectives at all levels of the organization and its programs. Work topics include women's poverty issues; anti-militarism; issues of global corporations; lesbian feminism; reproductive rights; gender analysis of program issues; and immigration. An interest in feminism is helpful for candidates interested in this position.

Kensington Welfare Rights Union; Intern: Kensington Welfare Rights Union is a multi-racial poor people's organization. It engages in projects for survival and for ways out of poverty and homelessness. Student attends new member meetings, helps out in housing take-overs, presents to groups, etc.

Maternity Care Coalition, MoMobile; Advocate: 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. 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. Now in its 26th year of service, 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 offers services through four Core Programs: Child Protection; Medically Needy Children; Kinship Care; 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. Child Advocacy Intern is involved in court accompaniment, works with social workers and attorneys, assists on casework with families, and phone follow-ups.

Women Against Abuse; Municipal Court Project Intern: Women Against Abuse (WAA) is the largest and most comprehensive domestic violence program in Pennsylvania, serving some 15,000 survivors of domestic violence and their children each year. In more than 20 years of service, WAA has helped more than 140,000 people find the path to a violence-free life. As the only organization in Philadelphia whose sole purpose is to assist victims of domestic violence, WAA operates three sites: the only shelter in Philadelphia exclusive for battered women and their children; the nation's first legal center for domestic violence victims; and the region's first transitional housing program for abused families. Each of these sites is linked to a 24-hour hotline through which all programs can be accessed. A variety of services are offered through each site. WAA Municipal Court Program assists victims of domestic violence in criminal court, when an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) is prosecuting the case. Municipal Court Intern counsels the victims in court, discusses options with them, and acts as liaisons between the victim and the ADA.

Women's Medical Fund; Intern: WMF is a small non-profit involved in reproductive justice. We provide financial and other assistance to low-income women who wish to terminate a pregnancy but lack the resources to obtain a safe legal abortion. The Student Access Counselors staff our client help line providing direct services such as financial assistance, information, and referrals to women and teens. Additional projects may be arranged based on intern desires and organizational needs.

Women Organized Against Rape; Court Advocate: Founded in Philadelphia in 1973, Women Organized Against Rape (WOAR) is a vital non-profit organization dedicated to addressing sexual violence in our society. For over thirty years, WOAR has worked together with police, hospitals and courts to serve the needs of survivors of sexual violence. These partnerships have resulted in the: Establishment of the Rape Prosecution Unit of the District Attorney's Office; Creation of a separate waiting room for survivors testifying at Family Court; Continued training of Emergency Room nurses in sensitive evidence collection; Training of all police academy recruits in responding to crimes of sexual violence. WOAR's professional staff and committed volunteers provide comprehensive sexual assault counseling and advocacy services, and community and professional training. WOAR offers twenty confidential counseling sessions free of charge to adults and children who have experienced sexual abuse or assault. Educational programs are available to corporations, community organizations, schools and other service providers. Sexual violence is a social issue that requires the resources knowledge and dedication of many different groups. Meanwhile, WOAR is committed and ready -- 24 hours a day -- to serve the needs of survivors, to advocate on their behalf and provide life-saving information to the entire community. Court Advocate will work at preliminary hearings and during trials, offering emotional support and explaining the legal process to victims and/or survivors.

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