

BSW

Hannah Ackerman

2020

Agency Name: Kutztown University Social Work Department



Profile: My field placement is working on research projects through the Kutztown University Social Work Department under Dr. Svistova. In this project we are conducting a research study on mental health access in rural parts of Pennsylvania.

Field Placement Responsibilities: At my field placement I am responsible for doing lots of research on different mental health services and facilities in rural parts of Pennsylvania and reporting those findings and organizing them into multiple Excel sheets. I also recruit participants for our research study by making phone calls and sending emails to potential participants, complete many literature reviews, attend team meetings and focus groups and take notes, and many other research related tasks.

Future Goals: After I graduate with my BSW in May I plan on going for my MSW right away in the fall and then focusing on obtaining an LCSW.

BSW

Jaguar Altine

2020

Agency Name: Co-County Wellness Services



Profile: They assist the public through educational outlets & advocacy for the Berks & Schuylkill area. They offer free case management, HIV medication education; HIV & STD Counseling & Testing; prevention interventions & teen pregnancy prevention called Berks Teens Matter. They work with people who need help with HIV/STI. They're also focusing on contacting those who've possibly been exposed to COVID-19.

Field Placement Responsibilities: As a contact tracer our responsibility is to call contacts of diagnosed patients. We work with the PA Department of Public Health database to collect and record information on the status of the contacts symptoms into Sara Alert and SharePoint. We educate them on COVID-19, refer them for testing according to CDC protocols in their local communities, and provide them with instructions on how to quarantine. We are required to follow policies and procedures by CCWS. We practice confidentiality with PA Department of Public Health training.

Future Goals: I want to achieve my MSW, but I don't plan on going right after my BSW. I want to serve young adults struggling with mental health and addiction and hopefully locate a job out of state.

BSW

Donna Ayers

2020

Agency Name: Northampton County Children and Youth



Profile: Northampton County Children and Youth Division is a public child welfare agency which is responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of children in the community. The agency aims to protect children and youth from abuse and neglect through protective and preventative services designed to keep families together whenever possible and to ensure children's safety, permanency, and well-being.

Field Placement Responsibilities: I observe and participate in casework with children and families involved with the agency. I read, review, and understand the pertinent laws, the paperwork involved, the resources available, as well as follow cases throughout their time with the agency.

Future Goals: I will work in Pennsylvania for a Children and Youth agency. I plan to get a masters degree in the future.

BSW

Marsha Batchelor

2020

Agency Name: Children's Home of Reading



Profile: This agency provides services to at-risk youth in Berks County, Schuylkill County, and Lehigh County; however, it also provides services to 23 other nearby counties. The primary goal of this non-profit is to offer a myriad of services, such as community-based services, educational programs, mental and behavioral health services, and residential programs for kids and their families in crisis.

Field Placement Responsibilities: My field placement responsibilities provide me with great exposure to several factors of the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network in Pennsylvania. I have opportunities to complete tasks virtually, as well as in-person. However, that depends on the degree of comfortability from the families. Tasks that I will be assigned are to co-facilitate Child Preparation sessions, write Child Profiles, participate in Permanency Support Groups, observe adoption finalizations, visit pre-adoptive families, and attend matching events.

Future Goals: I'm interested in Criminal Justice Reform, and I'm committed to seeking social justice for underrepresented juveniles in detention centers. I also want to be an advocate for equity in this country.

BSW

Nicole Boyer

2020

Agency Name: Vast The Valley Against Sex Trafficking



Profile: Vast coordinates anti-trafficking work across Lehigh and Northampton county for professionals and community members. They provide a network of community-based survivor care through partnerships and community members. Vast collaborates with community volunteers to raise awareness through educational presentations, film screenings and special events.

Field Placement Responsibilities: My field placement responsibilities will be to help provide education, training, outreach and advocacy in raising awareness against local human trafficking.

Future Goals: My future goals are to graduate and pursue my MSW. I would like to pursue working with youth and families who have a troubled background. I'm also interested in providing counseling for families and youth.

Agency Name: Racism/Bias/Discrimination Advocacy Committee

Profile: My agency is the Social Work Dept at Kutztown University. The mission is to promote & actualize the proposal designed for the Commonwealth of PA. Establish training on “Racism, Bias, and Discrimination”, and be required for all public/private school teachers, public service/Civil Service employees, human service providers and others licensed in PA. This training will be conducted biennially.



Field Placement Responsibilities: My responsibilities include attending committee meetings and engaging with other social work professionals, students, faculty and invited guests to work on the proposal. Preparing contact lists for potential stakeholders, and allies to help this initiative. To conduct research on areas of racism, bias, and discrimination to determine angles on how to make this proposal successful and long-lasting.

Future Goals: Continue education towards a master’s degree. Continue exploring options in the area of specialized social work I would like to work in. I have an interest in Hospice, healthcare, and corrections.

BSW

Hailey Follett

2020

Agency Name: Kutztown University Social Work Department



Profile: My field assignment is a study being conducted by the Social Work Dept at KU. The study is based on Mental Health Services in Rural PA. The goal of this project is to assess the demand of mental health services in rural PA with a focus on people 18 and younger and elderly over the age of 65.

Field Placement Responsibilities: My duties include different tasks such as recruitment of participants, observing focus groups, data entry, attending research meetings, conducting literature reviews, and more.

Future Goals: My future goals are to continue my education and earn my MSW and DSW. I would like to work in the mental health and drug and alcohol field.

BSW

Sara Garman

2020

Agency Name: Kutztown University's Social Work Department



Profile: The research study focuses on the challenges and barriers of rural Pennsylvanians' access to mental health and substance abuse services. The populations of focus are youth (18 and under) and 65+.

Field Placement Responsibilities: My field placement responsibilities are recruiting insurance providers, service providers, service users, and a policymaker. I will be doing literature reviews, observing focus groups, writing field notes, identify themes, cleaning and entering data, and observing and conducting individual zoom interviews. I will look at surveys sent to parents from school districts across the state about the impact of COVID-19 on their children's education. I will also create a training on grief and loss for the research team to learn more about what our populations may experience and develop questions for this training.

Future Goals: My future goals are to graduate with my BSW, continue my education (MSW) and obtain my licensures. I want to obtain certificates for developmental disabilities, trauma response, and case management.

BSW

Katie Gorey

2020

Agency Name: Friend Inc. Community Services



Profile: Friend, Inc. Community Services is a not-for-profit, multi-service agency that supports the well-being of families and individuals in need and is committed to strengthening the lives of those living in Northeastern Berks County.

Field Placement Responsibilities: While interning at Friend Inc. Community Services it is my responsibility to take part in a prescreening process over the phone and assess the needs of clients through an intake process to determine a service plan. As an intern I am required to maintain regular contacts with agencies, schools, and other resources on behalf of the clients and advocate for the needs of the clients. It is my responsibility as an intern to maintain confidentiality and monitor files with intake forms, service plans, records obtained from appropriate resources, and other pertinent information. I am to attend weekly staff meetings and engage in supervision with my field instructor once a week.

Future Goals: When I graduate from Kutztown University with my BSW, I plan to continue to graduate school and obtain my MSW. Then I will run rehabilitative programs as well as re-entry groups.

BSW

Ryan Griffin-Silveri

2020

Agency Name: LGBT Center of Greater Reading



Profile: My name is Ryan Griffin-Silveri. I am a social work student at Kutztown University attaining my BSW and graduating in 2021. For my senior year internship, I have been placed at the LGBT Center of Greater Reading who provide services that cater to the LGBT population in the Reading, PA area, including but not limited to support groups, outreach programs, LGBT youth and the older members of the LGBT community

Field Placement Responsibilities: While completing my 9 Educational Policy Competencies during my internship, my responsibilities are co-facilitating a youth group called VOICES, collaborating with adoption and foster agencies in developing programs to engage LGBT individuals interested in fostering and adopting. I will also be responsible in brokering or linking individuals of the LGBT community to services and programs which the Center provides. These programs include support groups ranging from the young to 18-49 and 50+. They also provide support to Trans and non-binary individuals and provide references and referrals in collaboration with 30 social services agencies and other providers.

Future Goals: My future goals are to work with veterans by providing counseling services and brokering services and programs that are needed

Agency Name: Kutztown LGBTQ+ Resource Center

Profile: The agency's main focus is advocating for the LGBTQ+ population here on campus at Kutztown University, as well as offering support groups, discussion groups, and more. We also provide a safe space here at the center, that allows anyone to feel safe, welcome, and free of judgment.

Field Placement Responsibilities: Some of my responsibilities at the center include signing guest in, cleaning up the center, holding virtual office hours for the center, work with Allies, and other organizations on campus. I am currently working on a voter outreach campaign, with the hope to increase voter turnout in this upcoming election. I have created a survey, and have offered other resources on how to check registration, apply for a mail in ballot, and more voting tips.

Future Goals: My future goal is to use my social work experience and use that to work on policy change and advocacy for systemic reform, doing macro practice work.

BSW

Riley Kampia

2020

Agency Name: Co County Wellness Services



Profile: Co County Wellness Services' main focus is to improve overall public health through service, education, and advocacy. Their contact tracing program specifically is meant to improve our local communities overall health, regarding COVID-19. Co County Wellness Services is partnered with the PA Department of Health and funded by the County of Berks, to provide necessary services to their community members.

Field Placement Responsibilities: My field placement is with Co County Wellness as a Contact Tracer. My responsibilities include calling individuals and informing them on the necessary steps to stay safe and keep others around them safe. The individuals I will be calling are "contacts," This is because they recently came into close contact with someone who has COVID-19. I then have to check in on them regularly until their quarantine period is over.

Future Goals: I am planning on going for my MSW. I would like to work in a hospital setting, emergency room specifically. My goal is to be a licensed clinical social worker, or something along those same lines.

BSW

Kara Kirkpatrick

2020

Agency Name: CONCERN



Profile: CONCERN is dedicated to providing child welfare, juvenile justice, and behavioral health services to children and their families. They have a list of programs including foster care, adoption and permanency, community based, behavioral health, and residential programs.

Field Placement Responsibilities: My field placement responsibilities vary depending on if I get the opportunity to work with a family throughout the process of fostering. On a daily basis, I keep updated on policies, working with my instructor and other agency personnel to accomplish tasks for Concern.

Future Goals: My future goals include getting my masters and I want to explore different aspects of social work, but I would like to get my LCSW and work with children and young adults in the mental health field.

BSW

Cindy Le

2020

Agency Name: Berks County Children and Youth



Profile: Berks County Children and Youth Services is assigned to protect children up to the age of eighteen. They work towards protecting the children that are abused and neglected. Our goals are to assure their physical and emotional wellbeing is safe as provided by law, and to preserve, strengthen and empower their families. Our mission overall is to investigate all reports of child maltreatment in Berks County.

Field Placement Responsibilities: I am in the intake Department at BCCYS. I regularly receive cases that require an initial contact with the client. Documentation of these contacts is completed through submission of case notes to the file. The agency also interfaces with other community resource agencies and helping professionals, which support the children and families that we work with on a regular basis.

Future Goals: After I receive my bachelor's degree, I want to pursue graduate school. I would like to move to the southern United States to work in child welfare. One day I would love to start a non-profit organization specializing in supporting children.

BSW

Cheyenne Lehman

2020

Agency Name: Open Door Project



Profile: The Open Door Project aims to provide a safe, comfortable presence in the community, by way of sanctuary and safe space in which old and young alike are valued and offered a place to build and maintain positive relationships and personal growth.

Field Placement Responsibilities: At the Open Door Project, I act as an Educator, Learner, and Advocate. As an Educator, I teach and mentor students during programs. Many of these lessons focus on social work perspectives such as the importance of diversity and empathy. I also work to educate my team and community. I am the first social work intern at the agency. I actively teach others about the profession and how social work can be incorporated into a non-profit agency. I am also a Learner, specifically learning from other professions, children, and the community. Lastly, as an Advocate, I work to find opportunities for social, economic, and environmental justice through several different means. These include identifying grants and other state and federal funding. Research is also done in the interest of the community.

Future Goals: My future goals include working with diverse populations in need of advocacy and social justice.

BSW

Elizabeth Lessig

2020

Agency Name: Berks County Children and Youth



Profile: Berks County Children and Youth is a children and youth services agency that protects the well being of the children in Berks County, Pa. Their mission is to protect children and assure their physical & emotional well-being as provided by law and to preserve, strengthen & empower their families. The agency is assigned to protect children, up to eighteen years of age, from abuse and neglect.

Field Placement Responsibilities: As an intern in the in-home department, I assure the well being and safety of children. Some of my roles include going to in-home visits, writing risk-assessments, creating family service plans, and shadowing court hearings. I shadow other caseworkers to see how they interact with clients. Some of my roles can include brokering clients to the proper resources if needed. When going to home-visits I check the home to make sure the house is stable for the children.

Future Goals: After I graduate, I hope to start working at Berks County Children and Youth as a caseworker. I want to continue my education at Kutztown University for my Master's Degree through the CWELL Program.

BSW

Adiatu Mansaray

2020

Agency Name: Social Workers and Advocates at Kutztown (SWAK)



Profile: SWAK is for students that are interested in social work. It gives these students the opportunity to network and convene with other students and community members to discuss issues, concerns, and events relative to the social work field. Further, SWAK focuses on various opportunities to engage students in micro, mezzo, and macro practice, both on-campus and throughout the greater community.

Field Placement Responsibilities: My field placement responsibilities are to work with the executive board to plan and deliver the activities of the organization. This includes supporting the Department of Social Work events and students. Examples include Professional Inventory Meeting study groups, facilitating the All-Majors Meeting, and developing and holding voting information and registration sessions.

Future Goals: My future goal at SWAK is to get involved as much as possible, working with other students to support and participate both in school and in the community for a common goal. This will help me as I transition to being a professional social worker upon graduation.

BSW

Shania Mitchell

2020

Agency Name: Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth



Profile: I am a senior at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, studying for my BSW. I am currently placed at Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth (OCY) located in Norristown, PA. OCY's focus is to address and improve conditions which adversely affect a child's well-being.

Field Placement Responsibilities: As an intern at the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth, I will be working in the Resource Home Unit. Within this unit, I will primarily complete initial and annual foster and kinship care home studies, observe interviews with prospective foster parents, and attend case review meetings with OCY employees to assess current placements in order to help provide safe, comfortable placements for children removed from the care of their biological parents or legal guardians.

Future Goals: Based on my experiences with diverse populations, children, and older adults, I hope to use the skills that I have learned to improve the quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds.



Agency Name: CONCERN

Profile: CONCERN is a private non-profit human services organization dedicated to providing child welfare, juvenile justice, and behavioral health services to children and their families.

Field Placement Responsibilities: My responsibilities will include receiving foster referrals, reading children's case files, and placing them with families or services. I will be working with the Intake Coordinator and learning how to make referrals. I will also be advocating for foster children at recruitment events, while spreading awareness and attempting to recruit foster parents.

Future Goals: My future goals involve macro practice social work. I am interested in policy work, politics, and making systemic change on the macro level.

Agency Name: Creative Health Services

Profile: Creative Health Services provides quality behavioral healthcare designed to empower and promote wellness for individuals, families, and communities. Creative Health Services believes in the ability of all people to recover from the difficulties they face. The focus is on every aspect of the person, including mental, physical, and spiritual health, which all play a role in overall wellness.

Field Placement Responsibilities: The specific program I will be working in is the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), which offers therapeutic intervention to adults with serious mental health diagnoses who experience significant impairment in their daily lives as well as high levels of emotional distress. I will attend weekly group and individual therapy sessions and shadow the therapist who is facilitating these sessions. I will develop a plan of treatment that is evidence-based, recovery-oriented, and tailored to the specific needs of the consumer for whom it is written as well as a group curriculum for conflict resolution that is evidence-based. Eventually, I will co-facilitate group psychotherapy sessions using generally accepted techniques employed in a manner consistent with ethical standards of practice.

Future Goals: After graduating in Spring 2021 with my BSW, I hope to obtain an entry-level position in the mental health field to start gaining experience and will potentially return to school for my MSW.

BSW

Nathan Mwenze Mutwale

2020

Agency Name: Multicultural Center



Profile: Serving all Kutztown University students, our purpose is to provide activities and services focusing on the exploration of cultural and racial identity, awareness, and social exchange, as well as assist with personal and academic growth and leadership skills development.

Field Placement Responsibilities: As an intern, I assist the MCC with their mission to create and support an environment where multicultural communities are able to grow at their own pace. This also ensures that students are able to interact with and enrich the existing culture without relinquishing any part of their own culture. The result is the creation of a new community in which they recognize reflections of their own racial or ethnic identity.

Future Goals: Helping communities and individuals across the globe, regardless their nationality, ethnicity and culture.

Agency Name: Kutztown University Women's Center

Profile: The Kutztown University Women's Center partners with other organizations and services on campus such as KUAB, KU's Residents Life, Greek Life, Wellness Center and the Multicultural Center to provide programming, education and training on issues such as women's voting rights, sexual reproductive rights, sexual assault vs. consent, relationship violence awareness, and safe space training.

Field Placement Responsibilities: As a social worker working for the Women's Center I provide a range of services at the micro, mezzo, and macro level to frequent visitors of the center as well as the larger Kutztown University student body. One of my responsibilities and expectations include engaging and building relationships with the diverse clientele that visits the center. I also research topics pertaining to feminism, women's rights and issues, LGBTQ+ issues, and intersectionality to understand how these topics may affect clients at the micro level. I also host or participate in discussions and events surrounding these topics. I conduct research in the form of demographic surveys, client satisfaction surveys or program evaluation surveys to identify client needs and address gaps in services.

Future Goals: As I grow as a student and professional my future goals evolve. Currently, I hope to obtain my BSW and attend Howard University for my MSW focusing on research, advocacy and community organizing.

BSW

Quaddriyah Rivers

2020

Agency Name: Lehigh Valley Center For Independent Living



Profile: LVCIL is a non-profit organization based in Allentown, PA that provides services and support to people with all types of disabilities within Lehigh Valley and Northampton County.

Field Placement Responsibilities: 1. Be respectful 2. Professional 3. Learn the history and philosophy of the agency 4. Know the 4 Core Services 5. Show a willingness to learn from instructors, supervisors, staff members, and others 6. Learn about all kinds of disabilities 7. Know the Policies and Laws put into place to protect those that are disabled 8. Become Familiar with the ADA

Future Goals: Graduate with my BSW then obtain my MSW. Then I want to open a community center in my hometown of Newark, NJ to give back to my community that is a safe place for children, teenagers, and young adults.

BSW

Kayla Samec

2020

Agency Name: Luzerne County Children & Youth Services



Profile: Children and Youth Services Agency provides child welfare services designed to protect children from abuse, neglect, and enable children. The agency promotes and protect the health, welfare, and well-being of children. If/when the goal is to reconnect and reunify the child with the family in an effective and timely manner, while ensuring the safety of the child is being properly met.

Field Placement Responsibilities: During my placement at Luzerne County Children and Youth Services, I will be working in and within teams, staff, and supervisors, mediating tension and conflict situations, managing decision making processes, and planning meetings for in-home care/ wellness check visits. I will be an advocate on behalf of the children in the agency or foster care homes, be an evaluator for appropriate protocols being followed thoroughly within families, caseworkers, and the agency.

Future Goals: Working as a full-time caseworker at Children & Youth Services. Also, attending graduate school as a part-time student at Marywood University for a master's degree in social work.

BSW

Marah Schembri

2020

Agency Name: Kutztown Community Partnership



Profile: Kutztown Community Partnership is a community-driven non-profit organization dedicated to the economic revitalization and preservation of Kutztown. The Partnership serves to build community, relationships, and foster cultural and economic collaboration in Kutztown. KCP envisions Kutztown as a community that welcomes all our efforts: to get an education and do business.

Field Placement Responsibilities: The first role is an enabler because I will be providing encouragement and suggestions during supervision with my field instructor, or when working directly with clients. I will be using communication skills, such as eye contact, attentive listening, and facial expression. The next role is an advocate because I will be speaking on behalf of the client system using advocacy skills such as administrative and client advocacy. Lastly, the role of a consultant providing advice, suggestions, and ideas to groups and organizations. I will be providing advice to my field instructor when asked, and I will be representing the perspective of a university student who is part of the Kutztown community. I will be using skills such as program development and evaluation.

Future Goals: Identify my actions and behaviors to social work standards and values. Improve my communication skills. Better mediator & work with groups.

BSW

Katelyn Scott

2020

Agency Name: HCR ManorCare



Profile: HCR ManorCare in Bethlehem is committed to patients who are making the transition from hospital to post-hospital care. They offer a wide variety of needs to include Med Bridge: short-term care, long-term care, and outpatient rehabilitation. Serving a low-income, at-risk, under-served population, HCR ManorCare intervenes to help bridge the gap.

Field Placement Responsibilities: As a social work student, my responsibilities include providing appropriate bio-psycho-social assessments, referral assistance, treatment, rehabilitation and supportive care to the patients and their families. Consistent with the NASW Code of Ethics, commitment to the client will remain the top priority.

Future Goals: As a former U. S. Marine, I am dedicated to Veteran causes to support those in need. I would like to pursue a career as a Medical Social Worker, with an interest in end of life.

BSW

Kimberlyn Seaman

2020

Agency Name: Friends Inc. Community Services



Profile: Friends Inc. Community Services focuses on food insecurity and provides clients with referrals to other agencies if needed. Friends has a food pantry available for the surrounding area, as well as students of Kutztown University.

Field Placement Responsibilities: As the BSW intern at Friends Inc., I complete tasks such as taking part in the phone interview to prescreen potential clients, assess strengths and needs during the intake process in order to create a service plan, fulfill the social work role of advocate for the needs of the clients, and maintain and update files such as service plans and intake forms. On top of the office work, I also assist with the satellite food pantry on campus on a weekly basis.

Future Goals: After completion of the BSW program, I hope to go on to obtain my master's degree in social work. Once I graduate with my MSW, I strive to work with domestic violence survivors.

BSW

Sydney Shands

2020

Agency Name: IU13



Profile: The IU13 is an education service agency that works with 22 public school districts in Lancaster and Lebanon county. They work to implement programs that target student populations in need and "improve student learning and achievement". IU13 Employees are expected to embrace the agency's mission to "Provide services, supports, and solutions that make a difference to all learners and our community".

Field Placement Responsibilities: I am working at the Fairland location in Manheim, Pennsylvania as a paraeducator in a special needs classroom. My classroom consists of 6 students, 4 males and 2 females, who suffer from a range of different cognitive disabilities. As a paraeducator, my role is to help support both the teachers and students in their learning experience. I monitor the children and provide educational and emotional support throughout the school day, as well as ensure safety, provide behavior management skills and conflict resolution interventions, initiate restraint procedures when there is a danger to self or others and help plan and implement activities. I also document the student's daily behaviors, interactions and educational progress all while utilizing trauma informed care.

Future Goals: I hope to work with families, at school & in the home - to provide children & parents with the necessary tools to help develop well educated, supported, financially stable & resource rich communities.

Agency Name: Co-County Wellness Services.

Profile: Co-County Wellness Services is an agency that provides free, preventative care to the community through service, education, and advocacy. This agency works to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases, and Teen Pregnancy. The agency provides case management, testing, treatment, and counseling to individuals in the community experiencing these challenges.



Field Placement Responsibilities: The responsibilities of a contact tracer at Co-County Wellness Services include reaching out to individuals who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Once the individual is reached, the contact tracer requests that they quarantine and report any symptoms they may experience. This is made easier through software called Sara Alert, which allows those who are enrolled to be monitored daily for symptoms. It is the responsibility of the contact tracer to enroll contacts in this system. The contacts may also be monitored daily by the contact tracers themselves. It is the contact tracer's responsibility to also keep accurate notes on interactions with contacts, broker necessary resources, and practice confidentiality throughout this process.

Future Goals: Provide information and resources regarding sexual health education to youth. Many schools have a lack of comprehensive sex education. I hope to make a positive contribution towards changing this in the future.

BSW

Lindsay Smyth

2020

Agency Name: Compassus Hospice



Profile: My internship is at Compassus Hospice in Leesport, Pennsylvania. Their mission is "to honor life and offer hope to individuals facing a life-limiting illness by supporting them with compassion, integrity, and excellence." The four levels of care provided to residents of the Berks County area include routine, respite, general inpatient, and continuous.

Field Placement Responsibilities: At Compassus Hospice, my role is to observe their company's Social Worker as she makes calls to her clients and local resources, documents information into the online database and conducts new client assessments and re-evaluations during home visits. By working with the clients, caregivers, and their families, my responsibilities as the Social Work Intern will be to provide local resources and emotional support, advocate for each patient's end-of-life wishes, and be certain that the client system as a whole is comfortable with the care that they are receiving. It is my goal in my field placement to eventually be able to facilitate a home visit and document it appropriately.

Future Goals: After I receive my Bachelor's degree this upcoming May, I would like to earn my Master's in Social Work. Although the setting is unknown, I can confidently state that I aspire to work in geriatrics.

BSW

Fatoumata Tall

2020

Agency Name: Access Services

Profile: Access Services is non-profit agency that provides a wide range of services to individuals with special needs in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Field Placement Responsibilities: My job responsibilities as a social work intern include helping individuals who have intellectual disabilities maintain a safe environment by making accommodations in their home, assessing and determining appropriate care for them as directed by the program and helping them with transportation, employment and communication issues.

Future Goals: In the future, I plan to work with individuals with intellectual disabilities or older adults, and further my education in Social Work.



BSW

Selena Velez

2020

Agency Name: Access Service



Profile: The agency empowers and serves individuals and their families by providing innovative services. Access Service uses community-based and innovative special needs and disability services to serve the clients.

Field Placement Responsibilities: I will be supporting the Rebound Program during my internship. I will be carrying a caseload of youth who are involved in either the child welfare system or juvenile justice system. I will be providing the youth with mentoring, advocacy, and life skills development.

Future Goals: My goal is to obtain my BSW at Kutztown University. Upon completion, I will be applying to Rutgers University where I am hoping to earn my master's degree. My area of focus is Clinical Social Work.