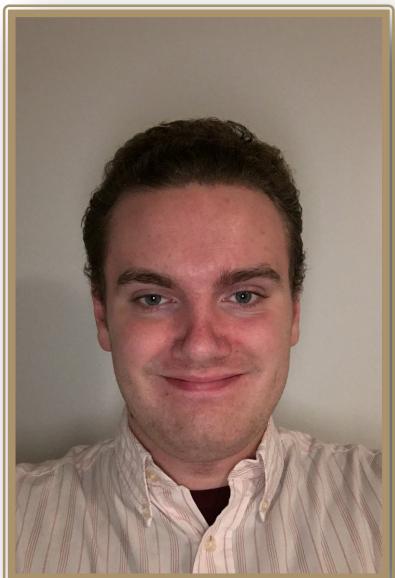


MSW

Eric Bevan

2020

**Agency Name:** Advantage Home Health - Pottsville



**Profile:** Providing home health, hospice, nursing, and bereavement services to elders and families regarding end-of-life care and counseling.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** Shadowing agency social workers in order to learn organizational norms and responsibilities, assisting with brokering to resources and showing warmth, empathy, and genuineness during sessions. Assisting clients gaining access to needed resources through tertiary agencies that can improve their quality of life, and documenting monthly updates toward different clients.

**Future Goals:** My future goals are to use the knowledge I have learned here and in my previous work with children to help individuals and families meet their needs, remain safe, and maintain long-term healthy development.

MSW

Kayla Bradley

2020

**Agency Name: Aspire to Autonomy**



**Profile:** Aspire to Autonomy is a human trafficking organization dedicated to improving the lives of survivors of human trafficking. Aspire to Autonomy strives to initiate, empower, and support survivor's path to recovery. Aspire to Autonomy achieves their mission by advocating, educating, and bring awareness about human trafficking to the community of the Lehigh Valley.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** As an intern at Aspire to Autonomy, I am involved in the Ambassador Program, Act 197 planning and production, and Communication department. This year I will be involved with the Ambassador program including engaging, recruiting, and intervening with Ambassadors while assessing and evaluating the Ambassador program and surrounding factors. I will implement new policies and practices to improve the Ambassador program. I will work with the communication department to produce content, bring awareness, and promote our online presence. I will work with the Act 197 committee to advocate for the rights of human trafficking survivors, advocate for the increasement of fines, canvas local businesses, and advocate for the enforcement of Act 197.

**Future Goals:** One goal I have after graduating with my MSW is to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

MSW

Rebekah Grossman

2020

**Agency Name:** Reading School District



**Profile:** Social workers identify barriers that interfere with students' educational success and seek to mitigate them. Many efforts are pointed toward working with students, families, and the school to identify specific needs and to help connect students/families to resources. Three areas of focus are homelessness, attendance, and mental health/crises.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** I will be responsible for completing daily school activities and tasks. I will be working closely with the social worker through attending and participating in scheduled meetings with staff, reviewing student data (such as attendance and grades), and attending group meetings with students and the social worker. I will also be collaborating with the social worker to lead an after-school program called Aevidum. This is a way that social workers can engage students and encourage them to help their peers. Another responsibility I have as an intern is to manage and create an inventory for the Reading Knight's Closet. They receive various donations from multiple sources and it has been a great resource for students.

**Future Goals:** I hope to obtain my MSW, my license, and eventually work in adoption/foster care or school social work.

MSW

Katherine Camoni

2020

**Agency Name:** KidsPeace Residential Program



**Profile:** KidsPeace residential program focuses on providing therapy, stability, and education to children and teens that have experienced trauma. The residential program provides a combination of intensive therapy and therapeutic recreation which allows the clients to heal and process their trauma in a safe, stable, and therapeutic environment.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** At KidsPeace Pioneer Center, I observe and conduct individual and family therapy. My responsibilities include attending weekly meetings with each client's treatment team to discuss the progress, future discharge goals, and after care services needed at discharge. I strive to build a positive rapport and develop a therapeutic relationship that allows clients quality therapy while in treatment.

**Future Goals:** My future goals are to become a licensed social worker, and work in the mental health field. I will combine my clinical experience with my creative background to provide artistic therapeutic approach to care.

MSW

Sarah Cattin

2020

**Agency Name:** Aspire to Autonomy, Inc.



**Profile:** ASPIRE's mission is to provide an environment of safety, healing, and empowerment that will equip victims of trafficking with the services and programs that are essential to their pursuit of independence.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** Some of my roles and responsibilities include advocacy and education efforts to the community, facilitation of trainings, and working closely within the Communications Department to advertise events and to get support from the media. This year ASPIRE hopes to open a safe house to host victims of human trafficking which will allow me to utilize Case Management skills while working 1 on 1 with clients.

**Future Goals:** My future goals include: obtaining my MSW, working within the criminal justice system with adolescents, and to continue being involved with the trafficking movement.

MSW

Rachael Clineff

2020

**Agency Name:** Street Medicine Tower Health



**Profile:** The Street Medicine Program provides care to individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. They go into the community and meet clients where they are to provide care. The team also works to help clients get appointments and medications and advocates on their behalf.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** This internship will work alongside the Street Medicine team to provide social work services to individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. I will aim to address any unmet social needs and provide resources for referral when necessary. This internship will also provide the opportunity to observe both inpatient and outpatient social work with the Reading Hospital's care management department.

**Future Goals:** I plan to get my LSW after graduation and continue to work on a macro level in an organization. Someday, I would love to teach social work at a community college.

MSW

Mia Dunn

2020

**Agency Name: Aspire to Autonomy**



**Profile:** Aspire to Autonomy is a non-profit in the Lehigh Valley that advocates for human trafficking survivors. Their goal is to create a safe environment that fosters healing, empowerment, and autonomy through services and programs.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My field placement responsibilities include being a member of the communications department and the Act 197 committee. In the communications department, I am an administrative assistant that searches for human trafficking agencies in the area to contact and build partnerships with. In the Act 197 committee, my role is to talk educate business owners about the enforcement of Act 197. I am also Aspire's social media manager.

**Future Goals:** My future goals in social work include doing macro practice and advocating for policy changes. I am excited to work with a variety of populations throughout my career.

MSW

James Flemming III

2020

**Agency Name:** Haven Behavioral Hospital of Eastern Pennsylvania



**Profile:** The agency is focused on acute and mostly short term mental health care. Those experiencing mental health crises can elect to commit themselves or they may be committed involuntarily. Our agency's goal is to get the individual back to their baseline functioning, and to discharge them with a support network in place to ensure their safety and wellness.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** I am responsible for the development and monitoring of adherence to treatment plans, as well as developing and following through with discharge plans. I am responsible for completing psychosocial assessments with new clients, and contacting family (if permission is given by the client) to collect collateral information regarding the client, their resources and supports, and what their baseline functioning looks like.

**Future Goals:** I plan to pursue a career in social work related to behavioral health, and will continue to consider returning to school to earn my DSW.

MSW

Jasmine Foster

2020

**Agency Name:** WellSpan- Philhaven



**Profile:** My name is Jasmine Foster, I have a bachelor's degree in psychology and currently in my first year of the Master of Social Work Program here at Kutztown University. I am currently placed at WellSpan Philhaven, a mental health hospital in Mt. Gretna, Pennsylvania with the DBT Team.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** As a dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) intern. Dialectical behavior therapy is a highly effective evidenced based treatment for clients who struggle with emotional regulation. As a DBT intern, I will attend a dialectical behavior therapy training that will allow me to eventually earn a certification as a DBT therapist. Furthermore, I will co-lead and eventually lead DBT groups. I will also have the opportunity to take a caseload of clients within the DBT program. This internship will give me experience in learning and practicing an evidenced based therapy.

**Future Goals:** My future goal is to work with military members as a LCSW with a focus in trauma and PTSD. Being a veteran, I am passionate about continuing to help this population.

MSW

Alexandra Garcia

2020

**Agency Name:** Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living



**Profile:** Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living is my field placement. They are versed in providing their five Core Services (Information and Referral, Peer Support, Advocacy, and Independent Living Skills) to enable individuals with all types of disabilities to achieve independence within an inclusive community.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** I joined the Statewide Coalition Project which is a group working to expand independent living opportunities for everyone with a disability in Pennsylvania. This group also allows me to join the Statewide Advocacy Group as well. The Statewide Advocacy Group is a partnership with the 17 different centers for independent living in Pennsylvania, the group works to develop new material for consumers, create partnerships, and generate new curriculum that can improve all of the center's core services. Together, I will be helping to enhance emergency preparedness for all 17 centers, advocating for voter rights by creating opportunities to boost voter participation, and I will be working with my team and other centers to better everyone's violence and abuse prevention services.

**Future Goals:** My goal is to make the most out of my time here at LVCIL by helping in any way I can and connecting my course material. I hope to achieve high regard from those I will be working with at LVCIL.

MSW

Amelia Garraway

2020

Agency Name: Lehigh Valley Families Together, Inc.



**Profile:** Lehigh Valley Families Together, Inc. is an agency providing family preservation and reunification services to children and families in Lehigh and Northampton counties. These services include counseling, case management, and community linking services. LVFT works to effect positive change within the family that will continue through empowerment and support of linkages to community organizations.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My field placement responsibilities include working collaboratively with my assigned team partner. We work with various families across Lehigh and Northampton Counties. We meet with the families either once a week or twice a week depending on the amount of services the family seeks. Working with the families I am assuring the safety of the children, empowering families to resolve their own problems, building on their family strengths, involving the community in family support, and decreasing the need for public resources over time.

**Future Goals:** My future goals are to graduate in May and continue my employment at Lehigh Valley Families Together. I always want to include my passion for working directly with families and children in my future work.

MSW

Elizabeth Gehringer

2020

**Agency Name: Pinebrook Family Answers**



**Profile:** Pinebrook Family Answers assists children, families, adults, and seniors in the Lehigh Valley with many services. Programs that assist clients include family based services, mental health services, foster and adoptions, and reentry services. A main focus of the agency is that it is trauma-informed to serve all clients in reaching their highest potential.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My roles at Pinebrook Family Answers include being an intern as a psychotherapist. As a psychotherapist I counsel clients by guiding them through therapy sessions to help them with any behavioral health issues they may be experiencing. I provide them with therapy sessions and referrals for other services if needed. My responsibilities as a psychotherapist is to create a treatment plan with the client and establishing interventions to help the client throughout their therapy process. I will also be engaging with clients coming to Pinebrook Family Services through the intake process such as the biopsychosocial assessment, agency policies, and creating goals with the incoming client.

**Future Goals:** My future goal after graduating with my MSW is I would like to pursue a job with case management in a hospital setting or working as a social worker in a school district.

MSW

Christine N. Gonzalez

2020

**Agency Name:** Service Access and Management



**Profile:** My name is Christine Gonzalez; I'm 32 years old student currently presuming my Master Degree in Social Work at Kutztown University. I'm completing my internship in the Crisis Department at Service Access and Management.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** As an intern in the Crisis Department at Service Access and Management, my roles and responsibilities affirm that I would provide crisis intervention and information and refer individuals to appropriate services as necessary. I will deliver resources to resolve and reduce an immediate crisis so that all efforts result in a successful resolution. Additionally, I will assist in joining departments to require hospitalization on a voluntary or involuntary basis. I will also participate in administrative work to create a monitoring progress report (quarterly and yearly) for county funding programs.

**Future Goals:** The Crisis Department will enhance my knowledge in the mental health field. I could incorporate the skills and education I provided to advocate for children with mental health needs.

MSW

Kristin Hasper

2020

**Agency Name:** Pennsylvania Adult and Teen Challenge



**Profile:** Completing the Advanced Master's of Social Work Program at Kutztown University, my internship is at Pennsylvania Adult and Teen Challenge, serving individuals recovering from addiction. Providing an excellent opportunity to assist this vulnerable population, the intern site offers medical detox treatment, inpatient clinical treatment, a residential faith-based addiction program, and an outpatient program.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** With counseling as the focus of this internship, shadow work will lead to individual counseling and interaction with groups as they are affected by the recovery process. Included within the parameters of this social work internship will be exposure to all of the programs, providing a broad foundation of experience in methods of intervention. Given that Pennsylvania Adult and Teen Challenge has a strong reputation for effective work among the population of those recovering from addictions, this field work assignment holds promise toward ensuring both a wide range of experiential opportunities and a solid foundation for future social work practice.

**Future Goals:** Upholding the cause of the oppressed, I hope to be providing counseling to individuals recovering from adversities or traumatic life experiences, helping them achieve their greatest potential.

MSW

Jillian Horton

2020

**Agency Name:** Kutztown University Department of Social Work



**Profile:** Kutztown University's Department of Social Work is committed to rigorous research to improve the social work practice. One research study conducted by the department is Dr. Svistova's "Access to Mental Health Services in Rural PA." This study focuses on collecting data regarding mental health access and delivery in rural PA in order to advocate for improved policy to the PA General Assembly.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** In my role as a research assistant, I will be working collaboratively with a research team to complete the "Access to Mental Health Services in Rural PA" study. I will be responsible for coding the transcripts from service providers and insurance focus groups conducted by the team. I will conduct interviews with service users to document their experience and clean and analyze the data. Following the interviews, participants will evaluate my performance utilizing a tool I am responsible for creating. Finally, I will be writing a grant application in order to analyze policy related to the research topic, much of which I have already begun identifying.

**Future Goals:** As I continue work on my MSW, I hope to develop a deeper understanding of the interaction between the micro, mezzo, and macro levels and how I can intercede effectively at each level.

MSW

Megan Kishbaugh

2020

**Agency Name:** KU Disabilities Service Office: My Place Program



**Profile:** The My Place Program works to provide support services for students who are on the autism spectrum and are enrolled at Kutztown University. The program helps students adjust to college living, learn to self advocate, and assist in their professional development.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** Within the MyPlace program, I work to provide support services to students who are on the autism spectrum. I facilitate social and educational activities in order to enhance each students experience in higher education.

**Future Goals:** In the future, I hope to work with populations that struggle with mental health, sexual assault survivors, and the LGBTQ+ community.

MSW

Katelynn J. Kissling

2020

**Agency Name:** Reading High School- Thomas Ford Campus



**Profile:** This is a credit recovery school. All students that attend have issues with their credits or behavioral concerns within the high school. The goal is to assist students in catching up on their credits and have them successfully graduate.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** I will be assisting the School Social worker with case-management, brokering services, mental health crisis, and attendance initiative. I will work collaboratively with all the social workers, social work interns, teachers, and staff to accomplish the goal of assisting students in successfully completing their coursework. During this internship I will be working with a diverse population in the city of Reading and ensuring students a successful completion of their course work. During this internship I will engage, intervene, assess, and evaluate my work with students and families.

**Future Goals:** I plan to continue working in the Child Welfare Field. I also plan to obtain my LSW after graduation. After receiving my LSW, I plan to work towards obtaining my LCSW.

MSW

Katherine Korbich

2020

**Agency Name:** New Vitae Wellness and Recovery Center



**Profile:** New Vitae Wellness and Recovery is an organization which provides a continuum of care to individuals in need of residential treatment as well as serving those in the community, including behavioral health concerns and/or addiction treatment. New Vitae works with individuals, families, veterans, and young adults and provides a range of residential options.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** At New Vitae, I will be co-facilitating group Co-occurring Outpatient treatment sessions and observing and working with individual clients under supervision. I will have the opportunity to visit residential facilities to observe the procedures and protocols and to assist in offering group therapy sessions at those locations.

**Future Goals:** My future goal is to become an LCSW and to work with families who have been touched by addiction.

MSW

Julia Laudadio

2020

**Agency Name:** Kutztown University Department of Social Work



**Profile:** In this non-traditional field placement, I consider the agency to be the KU Department of Social Work. The focus of the agency is the two studies I am assisting with: Access to Mental Health Services in Rural PA and Effectiveness of Microfinance as a Sustainable Tool for Social Development and Poverty Alleviation in Haiti.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** As a research assistant in the study of mutual solidarity economies in rural Haiti, I am conducting qualitative and quantitative data analysis using NVivo and SPSS softwares. I am assisting with research into barriers to mental health care in rural PA by facilitating interviews with service users and assessing the availability of healthcare facilities in rural areas. I will be critically evaluating our findings to contribute to the current literature on these topics and begin to propose family-centered policy suggestions.

**Future Goals:** My future holds opportunity for social work in communities, working with families to build on their strengths and empower them to organize. I hope to return to academia and become a professor.

MSW

Tara Mahoney

2020

**Agency Name:** Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services



**Profile:** Schuylkill County Children and Youth provides both in-home and out-of-home services to children and their families that promote safety, permanency, and well-being of children. The agency strives to ensure that children are protected from abuse and neglect while remaining in their home. In circumstances when a child needs to be removed. The agency pursues the least restrictive placement setting.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My chosen area for my field placement is Family Group Decision Making which is a practice that strives to empower families to come together to make decisions about maintaining children safely with family or parents to prevent placement into foster care and or to help plan for a youth's transition to adulthood. My responsibilities at my field placement are to conduct interviews and observations on the micro, mezzo, and macro level with clients, providers, and state and local liaisons, participate in trainings pertaining to the Family Group process. Additionally, I will be observing and practicing social work skills pertaining to groups by attending and facilitating family meetings as well as coordinating pre-conference meetings and follow up meetings with families

**Future Goals:** My goal is become a licensed social worker and pursue certifications in the area of school social work and play therapy and counsel children in the school or private practice setting.

MSW

Jaime Malandra

2020

**Agency Name:** Bethlehem Health Bureau



**Profile:** The Bethlehem Health Bureau is dedicated to serving members of the Bethlehem community through various public health initiatives. Their programs offer an expansive range of services including issue related to environmental health, parent and newborn support, clinical services and COVID-19 contact tracing investigations.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** I feel very fortunate for my placement at the Bethlehem Health Bureau, as I will have ample learning opportunities through the various initiatives I have been assigned to assist with. Perhaps my most immediate responsibility will be to complete appropriate training to assist with the COVID-19 contact tracing efforts conducted through the Bureau. I will also be involved in conducting risk assessments for potential lead poisoning in Bethlehem resident's homes. The majority of my time will be spent assisting my Field Instructor with developing an initiative to embed social work into the Bethlehem Police Department. I am very much looking forward to collaborating with law enforcement and community partners to foster an effective communication and referral system to best serve callers.

**Future Goals:** As of now, I feel most passionate about working with individuals and families living in poverty. I am also considering pursuing my LCSW after graduation.

MSW

Emily Manwiller

2020

**Agency Name:** Haven Behavioral Hospital in Reading, PA



**Profile:** Haven Behavioral Hospital is an acute-care psychiatric hospital that offers a continuum of care for adults dealing with mental health conditions and co-occurring disorders. Their mission is dedicated to partnering with individuals, families, and communities to improve the lives of patients through the delivery of exceptional, specialty behavioral health services in communities across the country.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** For this internship, I will be observing a Psycho-Social Assessment, multidisciplinary team meeting, co-facilitating group therapy sessions, composing case notes, filling paperwork and discharging patients. By the end of this semester, I will be conducting a Psycho-Social Assessment by myself and getting all the paperwork together throughout the patients stay. I will be expanding my knowledge in the mental health field as I learn more about a psychiatric hospital.

**Future Goals:** I will like to get more experience as a clinical social worker while I go for my LSW. Afterwards, I will open my own private practice helps children and younger adults with their mental illness.

MSW

Amanda J. Martinez

2020

**Agency Name:** Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth



**Profile:** Child Welfare. The mission is to deliver effective child welfare services that empower families to appropriately care for their children and maintain or achieve a desirable quality of life in the best interest of each child.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** Adoption Unit at Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth. I will be observing court proceedings in relation to termination of parental rights and adoption. I will be accompanying caseworkers to home visits and assisting in the process recording. By the end of my internship I will have completed a home study for both adoption and permanent legal custody

**Future Goals:** To continue my career in Child Welfare

MSW

Kara McGill

2020

**Agency Name:** Red Knight Accelerated Academy-City Line Campus



**Profile:** My name is Kara McGill and I am a second year part-time MSW student. My internship this year is within the Reading School District at one of Reading High school's satellite campuses called Red Knight Accelerated Academy-City Line. Social workers have a huge role in the school setting and bridge the gaps that have broken over time between the schools, families and community partners.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** As an intern my main tasks will be to observe my Field Instructor as she reaches out to the students at Red Knight Accelerated Academy and be there as a main support when there are concerns with truancy, academic progress, mental health, homelessness, drug and alcohol, pregnancy and parenting. I will be assisting in Core Team Meetings where student progress is observed and plans are made when a student is struggling academically or an outside factor is interfering with school. The Social Workers work as a team throughout all campuses and work to mend the rift between education and bio-psycho-social concerns to provide the students and families with a safe place where they can be provided free support.

**Future Goals:** My future goals consist of gaining my LSW and moving on to begin my work as a social worker within the school setting.

MSW

Jennifer McGlinchey

2020

**Agency Name:** Lenape Valley Foundation



**Profile:** Lenape Valley Foundation is an agency with 60 years of experience fulfilling its mission of providing comprehensive, caring and trauma informed mental health services in Bucks County. Lenape Valley Foundation strives to serve the needs of the community by providing “Compassionate Care by Caring People”.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** For my field placement, I will be working in the Intake and Referral department of Lenape Valley Foundation, conducting Client intake interviews. The purpose of these interviews are to work with the Client to collect the information needed to complete comprehensive assessments, treatment plans, safety plans, and departmental referrals and to then assign initial mental health or substance abuse diagnoses.

**Future Goals:** To create and maintain person centered residential programs for those with severe and persistent mental health challenges, fostering safe and supportive spaces where individuals have the autonomy to thrive.

MSW

**Khadijah McPherson**

2020

**Agency Name: Country Meadows Nursing Center**



**Profile:** My name is Khadijah McPherson, I am an MSW student whose internship placement is at Country Meadows Nursing Center in Bethlehem, PA. Country Meadows is a retirement home that offers skilled rehab and long-term care for our older adults.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My primary duties at Country Meadows Nursing Center is discharge planning, long-term care placement and admissions. We focus on discharge planning because we have a rehab unit, after someone completes therapy, we as social works look for a safe discharge plan that we can help set in place. A successful discharge is one that's safe and comfortable for the patients we serve.

**Future Goals:** My future goals are to graduate with my MSW and become licensed in the state of Maryland as an LSW. I would like to continue to work with the elderly population in skilled or hospice.

**Agency Name: The Highlands at Wyomissing**

**Profile:** The Highlands at Wyomissing is a continuing care retirement community in Wyomissing. The Highlands has independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing. The Highlands has recently opened a short-term rehabilitation unit in the community. The goal of the short term rehab unit is to give clients the opportunity to heal and improve their physical wellbeing in order to get back to their typical lives.



**Field Placement Responsibilities:** The MSW intern's role at The Highlands at Wyomissing is to create policies, accept referrals and be knowledgeable about short term rehabilitation and all that comes with fast paced case management. During my placement, I will be making and accepting referrals from the hospital and other private referrals. I will do short term, fast paced case management when I follow clients throughout their stay on the unit. The MSW intern's opinion is taken into consideration in order to create procedures that allow for smooth admissions, transitions and discharges. The MSW intern participates in daily and weekly meetings and care conferences In order to ensure that clients goals are being met and they are on track for a safe and successful discharge.

**Future Goals:** I believe that I would like to do Medical Social Work in a hospital setting. I enjoy the fast-paced environment and getting to meet and help many people.

MSW

Marina Meyers

2020

**Agency Name: Truth for Women**



**Profile:** The Truth Home is a 90-day emergency stabilization shelter program for survivors of human trafficking. The Truth Home provides shelter, food, utilities, clothing, personal hygiene supplies for all incoming survivors. In addition, The Truth Home provides on-site case management services as well as life skills training, mental health services, medical services and transportation.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My responsibilities at The Truth Home involve running weekly groups with the women of the home, meeting with each woman every other week for one on one counseling sessions, and planning their individualized service plans weekly to create new goals with the women. I should have an understanding of the mission and values of the home and I will complete appropriate trainings as my placement continues (i.e Crisis training, sexual abuse, trauma). I will participate in the intake process for assessing new residents and I will also implement service plans, safety plans and behavior plans. While working within The Truth Home, I will be utilizing a strength based approach on all the work I do.

**Future Goals:** My future goals are to work as Behavior Health Specialist at either a school or hospital. I plan to take my licensure exam and receive my LSW soon after graduation.

MSW

Carlie Mills

2020

**Agency Name:** Kutztown University Social Work Department



**Profile:** The Kutztown University Department of Social Work is conducting a research study titled “Access to Mental Health Services in Rural Pennsylvania”. This study focuses on the vulnerable populations of children 18 years and younger and older adults 65 and older; our team is explore the barriers service providers and users face when obtaining services in rural populations.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** As a research assistant, I have had the opportunity to facilitate a focus group with service providers, recruit service providers, and research various mental health policies. This semester I hope to conduct individual interviews with mental health service users, research the different levels of care for children and older adults, and explore various methods to recruit mental health service users.

**Future Goals:** For my future, I hope to work within the aging population after obtaining my master's degree.

MSW

Stephanie Montilus

2020

**Agency Name:** Family Guidance in Wyomissing



**Profile:** Family Guidance Center is a non-profit counseling agency that serves the community through supporting the personal and professional growth of adults, children and families. Family Guidance Center serves the Berks County Area and consists of Masters level clinicians and licensed professionals who provide counseling services that best fits the clients' needs.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My field placement responsibilities involve observing and facilitating group counseling meetings for a diverse set of clients within the mental health, drug and alcohol, behavior therapy, etc. I would be engaging with the community through counseling with supervision for concerns such as depression, substance abuse, anxiety, grief counseling and other difficulties.

**Future Goals:** After completing the MSW program from Kutztown, I hope to become a school social worker/counselor for young children.

**Agency Name: Cultural Survival**

**Profile:** Cultural Survival is an Indigenous-led organization that advocates for Indigenous communities' rights to self-determination, their land, culture, and ecosystems. Existing programming includes the Advocacy program and the Community Media and Indigenous Rights Radio programs, each which seek to empower Indigenous Peoples to assert their rights by providing access to information.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** This year I will work within Cultural Survival's Research and Publications Department, supporting the day-to-day operations of Cultural Survival's programming and assisting in the general administration and production of its publications. Some of my responsibilities this semester will include interviewing sources, such as Indigenous leaders of grassroots social movements, writing articles on social, environmental, and/or economic justice topics, and summarizing journal research and special events. Within my internship I plan to further investigate topics including Indigenous Peoples and the environment, as well as land rights, sovereignty, self-determination, cultural/language preservation, and intergenerational knowledge transfer.

**Future Goals:** In the future, I plan to pursue the emerging field of ecosocial work. I would like to empower and collaborate with Indigenous Peoples to defend their rights and protect the biodiversity of their lands.



MSW

Frederick Nyamekeh

2020

**Agency Name:** Department of Social Work, Kutztown University



**Profile:** The focus of the agency is social work research. Currently the agency is conducting research to find out barriers to mental health services in rural Pennsylvania and the means through which access can be improved. Another study the agency is embarking upon is a Microfinance research in Haiti.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** As a research assistant at the agency, some of my responsibilities are data entry in the microfinance study team, literature reviews, observing and writing a summary of focus group interviews and attending research team meetings.

**Future Goals:** I hope to complete all tasks under my EPC this semester. After graduating, I hope to get my LCSW and work in a Children and Youth Services Agency or a mental health agency.

MSW

Olivia Orbe

2020

## Agency Name: Disability Services Office: My Place Program



**Profile:** My field placement is at the My Place program which is ran through Kutztown University's Disability Services Office. The program provides enhanced support services to students enrolled in Kutztown University that are on the autism spectrum. My Place provides services through traditional academic accommodations and campus support services.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** As an intern at My Place, some roles I have are to work with students on their individual goals such as executive function, time management, academic issues, social skills/needs, problem resolution, orientation to campus and resources, and independent college living concerns. I also help coordinate and monitor group study halls, lead workshops, and facilitate group activities that support student success. I keep up to date with new research on college students with autism as well as other higher education initiatives. I broker students to resources on and off campus such as the writing center, tutoring services, and the Kutztown Community Partnership. I also create handouts consisting of tips, information, and resources that the students can use to help them adapt to college living.

**Future Goals:** My goals for the future include working in school social work, criminal justice social work, or the substance abuse field. I believe every life is valuable and people deserve to be helped.

**Agency Name: Londonderry Village**

**Profile:** Londonderry Village is a continuing care retirement community in Palmyra, PA. Their mission is to provide quality housing, supportive services, and healthcare with love and servanthood. Londonderry Village offers a traditional nursing home unit that is mostly used for rehab patients and they also have 6 Greenhouses. The Greenhouses are a family setting with no more than 10 elders in a house.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** Some of the responsibilities that I have at Londonderry Village are giving Brief Interview for Mental Status assessments and Patient Health Questionnaire assessments to the elders in the facility. I am responsible for entering the assessments into MDS and understanding what a significant change in the assessments are and the steps to take when it happens. Other responsibilities are to select appropriate interventions with a focus on non-pharmacological inventions. As an intern I will also be developing individualized care, providing emotional support visits, and advocating for elders when needed. I will also be discharging elders back to the community with the services they need to stay safe.

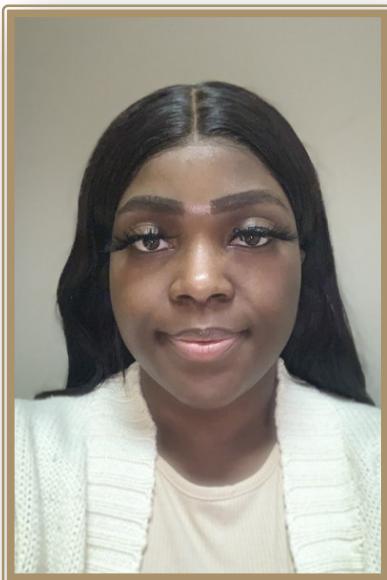
**Future Goals:** My future goals are to work with veterans who need assistance finding services and those who have a mental illness. Eventually, I would like to obtain my LCSW.

MSW

# Maya Tylor Ella Phillips

2020

**Agency Name:** KidsPeace Orchard Behavioral Health



**Profile:** KidsPeace Orchard Behavioral Health Outpatient Services focuses on individuals, family, and group therapy, life and parenting skills training, problem solving, medication management, self-esteem building

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My field placement responsibilities as an Outpatient Therapist are to assess the client's mental status, developing clients' specific treatment plans, providing individual, group, and family therapy. I will be observing becoming more comfortable with individual and family therapy. Completing part one intake documentation with clients, assessing therapists with discharging inactive clients.

**Future Goals:** My future goal would be to complete my MSW program at Kutztown University. After graduation passing my licensing exam. I would like to be a part of the United Nations team for International Social Worker.

MSW

Katherine Poupos

2020

**Agency Name:** Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth



**Profile:** The agency is a county child welfare agency and its focus is to ensure safety, permanency and well-being of children.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My field responsibilities are within the adoption and permanency unit. I will assist in providing information to biological families and prospective resource families on adoption or alternative permanency options. I will assist in completing Child Profiles, Family Profile and PLC/adoption home studies. I will observe court hearings both in Juvenile and Orphan's court. I will attend home visits with adoption/permanency caseworkers and observe how they handle their cases as related to their job function.

**Future Goals:** My future goals are to obtain my MSW and get my LSW. I would like to transition either into another position within child welfare (currently an ongoing worker) or potentially transition into school social work.

MSW

Breanna Prata

2020

Agency Name: Aspire



**Profile:** Aspire is an organization who works with victims of human trafficking. Aspire's Community Intervention Services program allows for social workers to go out into the streets and meet with clients directly. Through this engagement, workers can connect clients to resources they need. The goal is to connect with victims of human trafficking through the brokering process.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My field placement responsibilities include assisting in the development of their new employee training program. This includes creating a new hire training module, documentation, confidentiality forms, resource lists, and safety trainings. I also will be a part of their community outreach events that will involve Aspire seeking partners within the community. I also will be a part of their Community Intervention Services program, which involves engaging with clients on the street to build rapport and connect them to the services they need.

**Future Goals:** My future goals are to complete my MSW and hopefully enter into a field of practice that works specifically with women. I hope to attain my LSW, LCSW, and potentially go for my Doctorate or PHD.

MSW

Chris Rivera

2020

**Agency Name:** Promise Neighborhoods Lehigh Valley



**Profile:** Promise Neighborhoods Lehigh Valley is a community organization and advocacy agency based in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My field placement responsibilities involve providing mental health information on Promise Neighborhood Lehigh Valley's social media platforms. As well as facilitating health and wellness groups for the community. I am also involved in research and grant writing. Finally, I am also involved in brokering groups and individuals to resources.

**Future Goals:** In the future I would like to further my career. Possibly entering a supervisory role or becoming a licensed clinician. I would also entertain the idea of starting my own practice one day.

MSW

Natasha Rodriguez

2020

**Agency Name:** Lehigh County Children and Youth Services



**Profile:** Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services is a child welfare agency. LCOCS is committed to protecting children from abuse and neglect, maintaining children in their own home and community, ensuring access to community based services for parents experiencing difficulty in caring for their children, preserving and stabilizing family life, and assuring that children have a permanent home.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** Field assignment is in the Training and Development department. As an intern, I will be creating different training materials for new employees and community partners. I will be researching different ways to improve agency morale. I will also be assessing how effective current trainings are.

**Future Goals:** I would like to continue working in Child Welfare and hope to become a supervisor or administrator someday. After gaining years of experience in Child Welfare, I would like to become a Child Welfare professor.

MSW

Maria Shior

2020

**Agency Name:** Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering, Inc.



**Profile:** Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering, Inc. is a faith-based nonprofit located in Bethlehem, PA. They partner with other social service agencies and the city to ensure emergency shelter is provided to those identified as homeless adults without minors in the area.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** The MSW Intern works directly with the Executive Director to assist in everyday shelter operations, developing and approving programming for linkage to community services, outreach efforts, developing agency partnerships, and advocate concerning issues related to homelessness. The MSW Intern also assists in tracking grant requirements and agency goals, and ensuring agency has adequate resources to achieve agency goals and commitments.

**Future Goals:** My future goals consist of working in program management and development in the Lehigh Valley.

**Agency Name: Concern**

**Profile:** Concern is a human services organization dedicated to providing child welfare, juvenile justice, and behavioral health services to children and their families. Concern offers a growing array of foster care, adoption and permanency, community based, behavioral health, and residential programs that help children grow and reunify with their biological family or find their place with a “forever family.”

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** For my placement, I am interning as a foster care caseworker and I complete home visits (in-person and virtually) with clients and their foster family to complete a safety assessment and ensure all the children’s need are being met. I also engage with the client’s county caseworker and adoption caseworker to ensure progress is being made toward the client’s goal. Finally, I complete client’s quarterly and six-month review reports to document client’s progress in the foster home and to discuss goals.

**Future Goals:** Although I am unsure of what I want to do in the future, I know I want to work with children. I have interest in school social work, criminal justice, and now, completing home visits with families.



MSW

Samantha Stoneback

2020

**Agency Name:** Neighborhood Health Center of the Lehigh Valley



**Profile:** Neighborhood Health Centers of the Lehigh Valley is a non-profit organization that strives to provide healthcare to the uninsured and/or underinsured residents of the Lehigh Valley. They provide services such as behavioral, mental health, drug and alcohol, dental, and medical visits. They also provide primary and preventative health and wellness services regardless of a person's ability to pay.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** Throughout my placement at the Neighborhood Health Centers of the Lehigh Valley I will be observing client intake and counseling sessions, making phone calls to schedule patients and follow-up phone calls. I will also be creating a resource book for the Easton area for the agency to utilize. Throughout the semester I will be learning to utilize the language line while working with diverse populations in order to provide the best possible services to each client. Lastly, I will also be reviewing the various surveys at NHCLV to determine where I can make changes necessary to improve the patient care.

**Future Goals:** When I graduate from Kutztown University with my MSW, my goal is to become a medical social worker in a hospital setting, or to eventually work in hospice care.

**Agency Name: West Shore School District**

**Profile:** The Social Work Department provides social work services to students and their families. These services are as followed but not limited to ensuring basic needs are met, medical coverage is secured, monitoring students identified as homeless status, link to housing assistance programs, brokering students to community resources, to prevent chronic absenteeism.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** The School Social Worker provides social work services to students and families to ensure basic needs are met, medical coverage is secured, monitoring students identified as homeless status, securing housing, brokering students to community resources and ensuring students are supported in their academic experience and providing case management services to students at risk for chronic absenteeism

**Future Goals:** I plan to have my master's in social work, take the licensure exam, be certified ACSW and certified in financial social work. I plan to get my doctorate in social work.



MSW

Ana Tuzio

2020

**Agency Name: CONCERN**



**Profile:** CONCERN is a multiservice private non-profit human services organization dedicated to providing child welfare, juvenile justice, and behavioral health services to children and their families. Since its beginning in 1978, CONCERN has become known for their foster care and adoption services, as well as, their behavioral health services.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** I will be interning at CONCERN in the Adoption and Permanency Services department for the 2020-2021 academic year. Generally, staff in this department handles children and youth in pre-adoptive homes or situations where the end goal of adoption has been stated. In my role as an adoption and permanency services intern, I will be shadowing other permanency specialists, reviewing Child Profiles, and networking with other adoption workers from neighboring agencies.

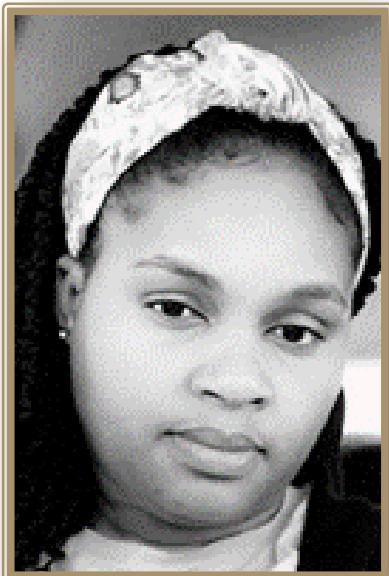
**Future Goals:** In the future, I hope to graduate in May 2021 with my MSW and eventually earn my DSW. I hope to find a job in New Jersey working in child welfare or with mental health & co-existing disorder clients.

MSW

Mia Sabrina Verneret

2020

**Agency Name:** The Reading High School Social Work Department



**Profile:** The Reading High School is a public magnet school that has students from 9-12 grade. The social work department is there to assist the students and families with the resources needed. The Reading Senior High School has many different programs to help the students become successful and receive their high school diploma.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** As a social work intern at the Reading Senior High School, I help scheduled meeting with parents and students who are in need of social services. I help link families and students to resources needed. I reach out to students to make sure that they are doing well with virtual school and have no concerns. My job is to also to advocate for students who are unable to advocate for themselves in regards to their concerns.

**Future Goals:** I am planning to get my LSW after receiving my MSW, and continue to work as a social worker in order to help individuals in need.

MSW

George Wachira

2020

**Agency Name:** Neighborhood Health Center Lehigh Valley



**Profile:** Neighborhood Health Center is a Federal Qualified Health Center that provides primary and preventive health and wellness services in the Lehigh Valley regardless of a person's ability to pay. They strive to achieve this directly and in partnership with other organizations to create primary health care home for an underserved community.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** My responsibilities include connecting patients to health insurance, financial aid programs, and LANtaVan services to people with disabilities. I also participate in Neighbor2Neighbor time banking program and Mental health counseling.

**Future Goals:** To complete my MSW program and work in children and family programs.

MSW

Allison Wade

2020

**Agency Name:** Haven Behavioral Hospital of Eastern Pennsylvania



**Profile:** My name is Allison Wade; I am in the MSW program and placed at Haven Behavioral Hospital of Eastern Pennsylvania on the dual diagnosis inpatient unit. Haven is an acute-care psychiatric hospital that offers a full continuum of care for older adults dealing with mental health conditions and co-occurring disorders.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** Haven's inpatient program focuses on mental health and substance abuse treatment. As a social work intern, my responsibility is to focus on the patient's strengths using the strength-based perspective. This also includes group therapy, working with a treatment team to evaluate the patient through treatment plans and ensuring the patients are connected to outpatient services once successfully discharged from completing the inpatient program.

**Future Goals:** Graduate with my MSW and become an LSW. I would also like to work towards becoming an LCSW so I can help individuals improve the quality of their life. Advocate for social justice.

MSW

Amber Weber

2020

**Agency Name:** Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Lebanon



**Profile:** The VA Medical Center is an extensive organization offering a wide array of services for all veterans. The agency's focus is to serve Veterans who are eligible for services.

**Field Placement Responsibilities:** At VA Medical Center, I intern with the Transitions Care Management Team (TCM) which serves to provide case management services to Veterans who need aid in navigating the system and having extra support outside of their primary care doctor. I will be setting up consultations with various departments at the VA to ensure the Veteran is able to have their needs met as well as conducting biopsychosocial assessments to assess their unique needs. In addition, I will be brokering Veterans to other departments to help them meet their goals.

**Future Goals:** In the future, I hope to be in a leadership or supervisory position with an agency and supervise staff. I have interests in hospital social work as well as macro level practice.