

DIRECTORY OF BSW FIELD PLACEMENTS

Introduction: Welcome to the BSW Field Placement Directory! This directory has been created to provide students planning field placement with a general idea of available social services agencies in Southwest Florida that are affiliated with the BSW program at FGCU. This is a work in progress and is subject to change when it is appropriate.

THE PROCESS OF PLANNING FIELD PLACEMENT:

The SW Field Education Coordinator, Harvey Heckes, will schedule individual interviews with students to discuss areas of interest. Each agency has a field instructor. The field instructor has attended and participated in field instructor training offered by the Division of Social Work at FGCU.

Florida requires supervisors (field instructors) to attend a 16 hour training session. The training is provided as an ongoing activity. New field instructors are required to take this training. It can be taken while a student is in placement.

Therefore, this training provides an opportunity for the field instructor to learn about the BSW program. Each BSW program has a specific focus. The BSW program at FGCU has a strengths-based focus. A current list of field instructors is maintained by Mr. Heckes.

After perusing the directory, select three agencies that match your interest. Mr. Heckes will provide the appropriate contact information during the individual interview. Contact with the agency should not take place prior to the individual interview. The policy of the BSW Field Education Program does not allow students to find their own field placement. You can consult the BSW Field Education Manual to learn more about the relationship between FGCU and the field placement agency at:

<http://cps.fgcu.edu/SW/BSW/fieldeducation/index.html>.)

This directory will provide a brief description (snap shot) of each agency, population served and available services to clients. The directory will assist in determining which agency to select for field placement.

If you have any questions, please contact Harvey Heckes, SW Field Education Coordinator at (239) 590-7726 or hheckes@fgcu.edu.

Agencies: The following are the current list of social agencies in the community who assist in providing field placements for FGCU students. They are listed according to the type of services provided

to clients. There is a brief description of the services. If available, a website may be listed.

A. Abuse Services(physical, sexual, substance abuse)

1. Shelter for Abused Women and Children(Collier County)

Description of Services: The shelter is a safe haven for the family experiencing domestic violence. There is a 24 hour Crisis line, shelter for families, counseling, and volunteer opportunities. More information can be found on the website:

<http://www.naplesshelter.org>

2. Children's Advocacy Center of Collier County-Description of Services: Child Protection Team and Family Visitation Center which involves supervised visitation, safe exchanges, family assessments, information/referrals, and parenting education. For more information see website at: www.cptcollier.org .

3. Southwest Florida Addiction Services(SWFAS)(Lee County)

Description of Services: A. Youth Services: they are Outpatient Counseling, Youth Day Treatment, Youth Residential Treatment, and Continuing Care. Non-substance abuse services are: Challenge Ropes Course, Community Assessment Center Services, Domestic Violence Diversion Program, Prevention Services, and Violence Intervention and Prevention Program. B. Adult Services: they are Short Term Residential Treatment, Day Treatment, Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Transitional Living, Continuing Care, and Detoxification. Outpatient services are: Court Related Alternative Services, Drug Court Services, In-Jail Services, and Assessment and Outpatient Counseling. Non-substance abuse services are: Employee Assistance Program, Challenge Ropes Course, Prevention Services and Permanent Housing. More information can be found on the website:

<http://www.swfas.org/> .

4. Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies(CARES)(Charlotte County). CARES provides services to child and adult victims of abuse and to rape victims. There is a shelter for women and children. Clients

receive individual and group counseling. There is a 24 hour hotline. Clients are helped to move into independence which involves finding employment, job training and counseling.

5. The Salvation Army(Lee County): The agency has Rehabilitation Services for adults; Thrift Store, Short Term Residential Treatment, Family Services, and Disaster Services. More information can be found on the website:

<http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/>

B. Children and Family Services

1. Lutheran Services Florida (Lee County): Services provided are youth shelters, crisis counseling, family preservation, food program, head start, housing and adult services are guardianship and Ryan White Title II. More information can be found on the website:

<http://lsfnet.org>

2. Our Mother's Home (Lee County): Our Mother's Home is a large home with facilities adequate for housing eight young foster mothers and their babies. Agency helps the adolescent girls become independent by helping them gain personal care, housekeeping and life skills, training including family values, and parenting skills. Support services are: nursing your baby, counseling, independent living and tutoring. More information can be found on the website:

<http://www.ourmothershome.com>

3. Lee County School District: Schools provide a variety of services: assessment, individual, group and family counseling, referrals to social agencies in the community, substance abuse education, head start and support services. Social Workers are often assigned to more than one school. More information can be found on the website: <http://www.lee.k12.fl.us>

4. Charlotte County Public Schools: Schools provide a variety of services: assessment, individual, group and family counseling, referrals to social agencies in the community, substance abuse

education, head start programs, and support services. More information can be found on the website: <http://ccps.k12.fl.us>

5. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Port Charlotte: Agency provides services to children needing a big brother or a big sister. This involves making assessments, matching the child with a big brother or big sister, counseling, referrals to community agencies, and group activities. For more information, you can visit the website at: <http://www.bbbsofcc.org>

6. Child Protection Center, Inc.(Sarasota): Agency provides child protection services to families in Sarasota county. There is a child protection team It is located in The Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center. For more information, you can visit the website at: <http://www.lapiana.org/resources/cases/mso/7b.html>

7. Quality of Life Center of Southwest Florida(Lee): This agency works with the residents of the Dunbar community in helping individuals and families to meet their basic needs(place to live, food, job training and placement, adequate home furnishings, educational tutoring, physical and mental health needs, parenting skills, substance abuse problems, financial needs, referrals to community services, and afterschool programs). Quality of Life Center is located at 3210 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Ft. Myers(239) 334-2797. The agency has a contract with Children's Network of Southwest Florida. For more information, the website is: www.QUALITYLIFECENTER.ORG.

8. Jewish Family and Children's Services(Sarasota): This agency has many services and follows the Jewish traditions. Services are: counseling services, children/adolescents services, family life education, Jewish Healing Program, Healthy Families/Healthy Children, School Based Programs, Senior Services, and Substance Abuse Services. For more information, the website is: www.jfcs-cares.org .

C. Inpatient and Outpatient Health Services

1. VA Outpatient Clinic(Lee County): The clinic provides a variety of services to veterans. Some of the services are: referrals to services in the community, counseling services, assistance with medication, and transportation to the VA hospital in St. Petersburg.

2. Lee Memorial Health System(Lee County): LMHS consists of three hospitals and they are: Lee Memorial Hospital, Health Park Medical Center, Cape Coral Hospital and Gulf Coast Medical Center. In addition, the system has a nursing home, outpatient centers, and home health services. Social Workers provide counseling to individuals and families, make referrals for placement in an assisted living facility or a nursing home, arrange transportation, assist with medication costs, etc. Each hospital has its own specific population that they serve. For more information see the website: <http://www.leememorial.org>

3. Family Health Centers (Lee County): Services provided are primary care, family, pediatric, maternal and infant care, internal medicine, dental and vision care, outreach, screening, case management, and education services for chronic illnesses. More information can be found on the website: <http://www.hcnetwork.org>

4. Lee Memorial-Older Adults Program (Lee County): Program is located at Lee Memorial Hospital. It provides medical services to older adults, education services, placement in assisted living facilities or nursing homes, home health, transportation, individual and family counseling, arrange for medical equipment if needed, outpatient services, and support groups. For more information, see the website at: <http://www.leememorial.org>

5. Lee Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital(Lee County): This hospital focuses on rehabilitation services for patients. Services involve physical and occupational therapy, case management, education, counseling, referrals to service providers in the community, home health, and support groups. For more information, see the website at: <http://www.leememorial.org>

6. Naples Community Hospital(Collier County): Services provided are surgery, diagnostic services, specialized treatment centers, rehabilitation, home care, well and nutrition, and community blood center. Social Workers usually provide case management services. More can found on the website at:
<http://www.napleshospital.org>

7. Sarasota Memorial Health Care System(Sarasota County).The hospital has an integrated Case Management Unit that works with various inpatient and outpatient units within the hospital. They provide case management services which consist of evaluation, referrals to community agencies, family and individual counseling, and patient education. For more information, consult the website:
www.smh.com.

D. Mental Health Services:

1. NAMI of Lee County: NAMI provides advocacy, education and referral services for adults and children with mental illness and their families. They provide case management, crisis intervention, and interventions for individuals, families, and groups in addition to court studies and special projects. For more information, see the website at:
namilee@nami.org.

2. Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida: This agency serves several counties and they are: Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, and Hendry. The agency provides direct clinical services to clients 18 years or older with epilepsy and no insurance. Services involve case management and medical services for qualified individuals with epilepsy. There are brief assessments done to determine what services a client may be qualified to receive. For more information, you can send an email to: director@seizureorders.org.

3. CARES Suicide Prevention: This agency provides Prevention and Education of Suicide. Population served is survivors and those with loved ones in need. For more information, you can visit the website: www.LeeCountyCare.org.

E. Additional field placement agencies:

1. Lee County Sheriff's Office Detention Bureau: This program provides substance abuse treatment for males and females in Jail; individual mental health counseling is provided, referrals to community resources, life skills training, personal growth groups and aftercare. More information may be found on the website:

<http://www.sheriffleefl.org>

2. Hope Hospice (Lee County): Services provided are Hope Hospice Care, Hope Life Care, and Pathways of Hope Counseling. A team of professionals provide services to the clientele. For more information, check out the website: <http://www.hopehospice.org/>

3. Avow Hospice (Collier County): Services provided are patient care, family care, PAWS service for pets, community education, public emergency response, grief support, children's in-school bereavement services, seasonal workshops and spiritual support. For more information, check out the website:

<http://www.avowhospice.org/>

4. Lee County Department of Human Services: This agency has programs consisting of the Homeless Coalition, Neighborhood Accountability Boards and the Community Ministries Soup Kitchen. Clients vary in age from children to adolescents to adults. Services needs are varied from individual counseling, referrals to community agencies and case management monitoring. For more information contact the websites at: <http://dhs.lee-county.com>;

<http://www.leehomeless.org>

<http://www.leegov.com>.

5. Shell Point Retirement Community-This agency provides assisted living and resident support services. There is a nursing skilled care facility for elderly clients with medical problems. Social Worker does an assessment, makes referrals to services in the community, and provides support and encouragement to clients and their families. For information, visit the website at: www.shellpoint.org

6. Senior Friendship Center (Lee County)-Agency provides services to seniors. They have a day care program, meals program, medical services, case management services and home bound services. For more information, see website at: www.seniorfriendship.com.

7. Community Cooperative Ministries Incorporated(Lee County)- Agency has a Family Services Department. The population served are: homeless individuals and families, nearly homeless, working poor, children, and frail elderly. Programs are: Soup Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, Faith in Action, and Hearts & Hands Montessori Preschool. CCMI provides nutritious meals, groceries, transportation, education and referrals services to seniors. CCMI is part of the United Way House in Dunbar. For more information, see website at: www.ccmilecounty.com.

8. Public Defender Office (Lee County); This agency serves the indigent criminal defense clients. They serve 5 counties: Charlotte, Hendry, Glades, Lee and Collier. Student assignments will be: brief assessments; case management; extensive psychosocials; progress notes; court studies, case staffing, and assigned projects. For more information, see website at: <http://pd.cjis20.org>.

9. St Matthew's House (Collier County): This agency provides shelter for the homeless, case management services, food pantry, feeding ministry, transitional housing, three thrift stores, and SMH catering. It has been in operation for 20 years. For more information, see website at: www.stmatthewshouse.org.

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