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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Catarino Cavazos Center is a ten-bed, Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) contracted, Level-4 BRS program. The program provides services to primarily Hispanic/Latino male youth ages 12-18. The youth we serve may be impacted by gang involvement and have substance abuse issues. The youth have been adjudicated for law violations. The Street Vision Program is an alternative for the Oregon State Youth Correctional Facilities, Maclaren and Hillcrest. The hours available to practicum students ranges from 9:00am to 9:00pm 7 days per week.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Cavazos Center is a residential treatment program that provides a minimum of 13 hours of youth specific therapeutic services each week. Each youth in the program receives youth-specific treatment planning facilitated by one of the identified case managers, daily contact with their identified primary staff and skill building with their identified primary staff. The youth also receive daily strength-based treatment groups as well as a designated daily homework group.

Our program also utilizes a house group that meets for one hour each evening to discuss issues that support an increased therapeutic milieu, i.e. developing individual, social and community skills.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

- Assist in supervising and working with youth during individual reading/study time, recreational activities and meals.
- Provide one-on-one attention to youth as suggested by staff within the Street Vision program through tutoring or assisting with other program tasks.
- Practice appropriate role model behavior.
- Assist staff in planning and preparing materials for groups or recreational activities as well as co-facilitate groups and activities.
QUALIFICATIONS:

- Submit to a Criminal History Check.
- Commit to work two terms
- Demonstrate personal initiative and willingness to learn.
- Submit to and pass a pre-service drug screen.
- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Three personal or professional references. Anyone, but family

Anyone desiring a practicum position with Catholic Community Services “Street Vision Program” must first complete our volunteer application available at the main office at 3737 Portland Rd. Salem, Oregon 97302. This process, including the criminal history check, takes about two weeks.

Students desiring to do practicum placements at Catholic Community Services “Street Vision Program” should complete this application process two weeks prior to a referral by their advisor or referral coordinator.

A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK, DRUG SCREENING, AND TB TEST ARE REQUIRED OF ALL INTERN/PRACTICUM STUDENTS.

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward. Certain crimes are now permanently disqualifiable per ORS 443.004.