SERVICES PROVIDED:

Northwest Human Services Hispanic Outreach Project (HOP) was developed and implemented in October of 2009. The concept behind this project was primarily one of creating accessibility. Through outreach efforts that included education, advocacy, networking and service provision, the project has been able to increase awareness of mental health services and their accessibility to this underserved component of the county’s Hispanic population. By facilitating access to services we were able to engage many of the Hispanic community members and improve their health and well being. This engagement then indirectly affected the service system and engendered change that is mutually beneficial to these community members and to the health and mental health service delivery system. Current service activities include:

• Counseling
• Case Management
• Advocacy
• Housing & Supportive Services
• Outreach through community events and partnership with community social and healthcare services providers
• Cultural Competency Training and Education for professional staff in multiple disciplines

PRACTICUM STUDENT REQUIREMENT:

Successful participation would require that the practicum student have some experience and knowledge about the availability and perhaps the lack of services available to the Hispanic community. Ability to speak and write in Spanish is preferred. A practicum student would need to be processed as an employee of the agency and would be required to a pass drug screen and criminal background check.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

A practicum student would engage in the broad spectrum of activities based on the learning plan established. Since there is a mix of clinical, and social service delivery activities, careful determination of participation would be made with the practicum student, their college or program advisor and the NWHS MH Director.
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK:

As a part of the practicum experience, opportunities for employment could be explored with the HOP staff. NWHS always values the opportunity to hire students trained in the agency. There are no guarantees for employment due to funding restrictions of the M projects.

TO APPLY FOR PRACTICUM; click the link below.
http://www.northwesthumanservices.org/Employment.html

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED

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.