PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The St. Joseph Shelter/Mission Benedict is a shelter for homeless families, migrant farm workers (male) and emergency food and clothing distribution. The program provides limited financial aid and services to the local Mt. Angel/Monitor area.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

The Shelter is a working program to assist families in focusing on better skills and choices to return to their own living situation. We provide case management, budgeting, rent classes, parenting skills and other information and classes as needed.

We have a Dental Van that serves our residents in the family and migrant shelter for non-insured adults, with some slots available for the general area. This opportunity is provided once every other month.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS/INTERNS:

- To participate in the food pantry (if schedule allows)
- To observe intake interviews for several sessions, participate by asking opening questions and finally do one themselves
- To observe requests for PGE, water, medical, and gas voucher
- Interact with the families; participate in activities for the children
- Assist with older student’s home work
- Assist with donation of goods, appliances and furniture
- Participate in preparing and serving meals
- Attend agency meetings when schedule allows
- Get familiar with agencies and what they do with and for our program

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS/INTERNS:

- The practicum student will shadow and work closely with staff
- Ability to prioritize tasks and projects on a routine basis
- Flexibility and initiative that will allow the student to function within an interdependent teamwork structure
- Non-judgmental, strength-based approach to working with families

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• Obtain a criminal background check from local, law-enforcement authorities
• Good listening skills
• Ability to deal with a variety of situations
• Basic computer experience
• A resume and two letters of recommendation at the time of the interview
• Own transportation and a valid driver’s license; and personal automobile liability insurance
• Obtain a criminal background check from local law-enforcement authorities.

OBTAIN CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FOR PROGRAM

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.

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