

Community Practicum Visitation Assignment

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Due Date _____

Social agencies perform vital tasks in our communities. They identify and help the vulnerable. They also provide short-term support for those who need it and help those who, for a variety of economic and sociological reasons, constantly struggle in society.

Some social agencies are completely government funded, while others receive only partial funding and must privately fundraise for the rest. It is sometimes easy to forget that these “faceless institutions,” at their very core, are groups of human beings helping other human beings. If it wasn’t for the time and money given by some individuals, many of these agencies could not survive and therefore could not provide this help.

Your Task

1. Identify an agency that you want to visit and learn more about (see attached list for ideas.) Please keep in mind that some are more feasible to visit than others, and that you may need to proceed with sensitivity. Complete a proposal as a group that includes which agency you want to visit, why and what you know about them at this point. (1 paragraph) **(5 marks)**
2. Make an appointment to visit this agency in groups of 3 or 4, and speak to a representative there. Write the representatives’ name, position, phone number and date and time you talked to them somewhere in your report.
3. Report on the following regarding the organization (suggested length in brackets):
 - a) Who do they help ? (1 paragraph) **(3 marks)**
 - b) What is their mission statement ? (1 paragraph) **(2 marks)**
 - c) How much of their funding comes from government and how much from other sources? (1 paragraph) **(5 marks)**
 - d) What do they specifically do to help people and/or the community (how do they fulfill their mission statement ?) Explain in detail. (1-2 pages) **(20 marks)**
 - e) Does this agency do “good work” ? Explain. (1 page) **(5 marks)**
4. Attach any related informational pamphlets or brochures.

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5. Now that you know what the agency does, design a detailed project that is compatible with their mission statement. Provide a rationale, a detailed plan and “cost” the project. Assume you are on a charity version of “The Apprentice” or “Dragon’s Den” and need to convince the judges of the merits of your plan. Feasibility will be evaluated. (2-3 pages) **(30 marks)**

TOTAL /70 marks

- Chris McMillan and Mary Thiessen, SJAM’s Child and Youth Workers, have many contacts in these agencies. They have offered to help students, and can be found in the Child and Youth Worker Office, Room 1609.

Examples of Social Agencies in Waterloo Region

Anselma House
Argus Residence for Young People
Autism Ontario – Waterloo Chapter
Big Brothers and Big Sisters
Birthright
Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank
Cambridge Shelter Corporation
Canadian Mental Health Association
Canadian Red Cross Society
Child Witness Centre of Waterloo Region
Community Justice Initiatives of Waterloo Region
DART (Drug and Alcohol Registry Treatment)
DSAC (Developmental Services Access Centre)
Early Years Centre
Extend-A-Family
Family and Children’s Services of Waterloo Region
Family Counselling Centre of Cambridge and North Dumphries
John Howard Society
Kidsability
KidsLINK
Kitchener -Waterloo Counselling Services
Kitchener – Waterloo Multicultural Centre
Labour Program of Waterloo Region
Langs Farm Village Association
Lutherwood (Safe Haven shelter, Mental Health Facility, Employment and Housing)
Mennonite Central Committee
Mood Disorders Association of Waterloo Region
Morning Star
Oasis
Ontario March of Dimes
Planned Parenthood
Psychiatric And Mental Health Outpatient Services (Grand River Hospital)
R.O.O.F. (Reaching Our Outdoor Friends)
St. John’s Kitchen
St. Mary’s Counselling Services
The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region
The Working Centre
United Way
Waterloo Regional Homes for Mental Health
Women’s Crisis Shelter of Waterloo Region (Haven House)

