



FIELD FLASHES

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FROM THE COORDINATOR

INTERVIEWS FOR FALL 2007

PLACEMENTS

TO BEGIN IN MARCH

BSW, MSW concentration, and extended-study MSW foundation students going into field placements for the 2007 – 2008 academic year will be matched to an agency in March.

Procedures are changed from previous years. For agencies that have agreed to be a field site next year, the potential field instructor or agency intern coordinator will receive the student's field application and resume via fax as in previous years. Please review the materials but *do not contact the student*. If you are *not* interested in interviewing the student, please contact the field coordinator (269-387-3173).

If the Office of Field Education does not hear from you within a week of the materials being faxed, it will be assumed that you are willing to interview the student. The student will then receive a letter informing him/her to contact the appropriate person at the agency to schedule an interview. All students in each cohort will receive their letters at the same time.

As in previous years, both the student and the agency representative must agree that there is an appropriate "fit" following the interview. It is the student's responsibility to notify the field office if a placement was offered by the agency and if it was accepted. The field coordinator also welcomes input from the agency representative who interviewed the student. The Office of Field Education will send out confirmation letters to the agency and student when placements are accepted.

This year agencies will not interview several students to fill each placement slot. The Office of Field Education will make the best possible matches for each student and agency. Many agencies have completed the Agency Profile forms to identify the type of student that the agency can best accommodate. If you have not provided this form, please contact the field coordinator at sandra.murphy@wmich.edu or 269-387-3173.

The Office of Field Education would like to thank all of our affiliated agencies for their continued interest and assistance in providing our students this critical preparation for their social work careers.

AGENCY CAREER FAIR A REPORT

Representatives from thirty-four agencies came together on February 21st to present information to and discuss career options with prospective interns and graduates.

Forty-seven students attended to gather information and research their field placement options and career choices. The positive feedback received is a testament to the preparation and enthusiasm of those representing their agencies.

FIELD INSTRUCTORS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Friday, May 4, 2007
MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

- Annual luncheon celebrating our field instructors
- Includes a five hour workshop on social work ethics by Margaret Brunhofer, Ph.D., Wayne State University, approved for five hours of Continuing Education credit
- At College of Health & Human Services
- **Free** to our current field instructors
- More details to come