Evans Fellows should *not* contact Field Placement Sites or Field Instructors unless instructed to do so by the Field Offices of Social Work or Public Health. **COSA students will conduct their Evans Placements during their concentration year with the School of Social Work.** COSA students must contact the School of Social Work, Field Office to begin the process for placement. **DP students will conduct their Evans Placements during the summer term following their social work concentration placements.**

**Behavioral Health**

**Cognitive Behavior Institute (2017-18)**
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At Cognitive Behavior Institute, they use established treatment methods that have proven to be effective for a wide range of psychological issues. Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy is a relatively short-term, focused form of psychotherapy for a wide range of psychological problems. Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, or CBT, is used to help treat a range of problems such as depression, anxiety, eating disorders, and substance or alcohol abuse. CBT is a structured goal oriented approach focused on influencing dysfunctional thoughts, emotions, and behaviors. The Institute helps their clients learn to replace or transcend dysfunctional thoughts and behaviors with more realistic and useful ones. Board Certified Psychiatrists work closely with each patient’s CBI therapist to coordinate their medication management and therapeutic treatment plan. It is their goal to ensure that all of their patients’ mental health needs are met.

**Behavioral Health Services, Indiana Regional Medical Center (2017-18)**
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Behavioral Health Services is an acute, short-term, inpatient unit that provides comprehensive assessment and treatment in a secure setting for patients age 55 and older who may be experiencing psychiatric symptoms. Patients receive services designed to meet the specific medical, emotional, and social needs of older adults. Patients actively participate in their individualized treatment program. Each patient receives an individually formulated plan of care developed by a highly trained, multidisciplinary team of psychiatrists, psychiatric medical assistants, nurses, social workers, activities therapists, and other mental health professionals.
Western Psychiatric strives to improve the quality and scope of community-based services and support for individuals with behavioral health problems who are in recovery — and for their families as well. Program staff take a client and family-centered approach to assist clients in finding appropriate treatment, meaningful employment, and adequate housing resources. Clinical case management services and the Intensive Case Management and Resource Coordination programs collaborate to provide and coordinate services for adults with serious mental illness and children and adolescents with serious behavioral and emotional problems with: Families; Community health and social services organizations; State hospitals; County and state government.

Milestone Centers, Inc. (2015-2016)
Kenneth Woods, MSW– Field Instructor
Chief Operating Officer

The mission of Milestone Centers, Inc. is to provide quality, life-enhancing services that promote wellness and the development of human potential to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or behavioral health challenges.
Community Care Behavioral Health (2015-2016, 2017-18)
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Community Care Behavioral Health (2015-2016, 2017-18) was incorporated in 1996 and has been managing the delivery of behavioral health services in the Northeastern part of the United States since 1999. Their mission is to improve the health and well-being of the community through the delivery of effective, cost-efficient, and accessible behavioral health services. In 2014, Community Care received Health Utilization Management Accreditation from URAC, an independent, nonprofit health care accrediting organization dedicated to promoting health care quality through accreditation, education, and measurement. In addition, Community Care has been awarded three-year Full Accreditation – the highest possible level – from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for Managed Behavioral Healthcare Organization. NCQA Accreditation is a voluntary review process. The Pennsylvania Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (PAPRSRS) presented Community Care with the 2012 Distinguished Advocate award in April 2012. Community Care Behavioral Health Organization received a 2013 Gold Achievement Award from the American Psychiatric Association (APA). APA recognized Community Care for its support of shared decision making in mental health and substance use disorder programs. Patty Schake has outstanding project implementation and management skills as evidenced by her leadership on PCORI awards, a Robert Wood Johnson grant with thirty community stakeholder partners, and her experience developing new services. She coordinates and accelerates the work of the senior directors focused on program innovations for targeted populations for Community Care. Patty also ensures that outcomes evaluation is embedded in all new program innovations.

Community Centers

Community Human Services Corporation (2015-2016)
Jon Hoffman, MSW– Field Instructor
Chief Operating Officer
Community Human Services empowers individuals and families to live in stable housing, connect to community resources, build relationships, and access quality food.

Focus On Renewal(2015-2016)
Sr. Sarah Crotty, MSW– Field Instructor
Associate Director
Founded in 1969 to focus on the needs of the community, particularly adult education, youth intervention, and economic assistance, Focus On Renewal has grown into a comprehensive multi-service nonprofit organization. A 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation governed by an independent Board of Directors, it is not sponsored or supported by any religious order. Its mission is to empower the development of spirit, mind and body of individuals so they may live their lives in a dignified and fully human way. Focus On Renewal offers - a food pantry and emergency support program, free daily lunch program for those in need, early Head Start program and family support program for children, the only library for miles around, and arts center for children, adults and families, and many other community-based services.
Kingsley Association (2015-2016)
Fred Brown, MSW– Field Instructor
Associate Director of Program Development

The Kingsley Association provides the community with quality programming for individuals, families and youth, carrying on the long tradition of community based human service and social reform. The Kingsley Association provides services in the areas of Health & Wellness, Family Needs, Education & Training, and Sustainability & Development.

Community Health Foundation

Jewish Healthcare Foundation (2015-2016)
Nancy D. Zions, MBA– Field Instructor
Chief Operating Officer/Chief Program Officer

Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) has been the fiscal agent for HIV/AIDS funding in southwestern Pennsylvania since 1992. As part of the JHF fiscal agency, in April 2012, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) was awarded a $1.4 million, two-year grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health to tackle this difficult problem. Through the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI), JHF is working with twenty AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) across the state to improve the quality of patient services, develop or strengthen programs to re-engage individuals lost to care, and reduce avoidable hospital readmissions for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Jefferson Regional Foundation (2015-2016)
Kelleigh Boland, MSW— Field Instructor
Program Officer

The mission of the Jefferson Regional Foundation is to improve the health and well-being of the community served by Jefferson Hospital through grant making, education and outreach. With a broad interest in community health, the Foundation focuses on three priority areas: health access and prevention, child and family outcomes, and strengthening populations and communities.

Environmental

SWPA Environmental Health Project (2016-17, 2017-18)
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The Environmental Health Project (EHP) is a nonprofit public health organization that assists and supports residents of Southwestern Pennsylvania and beyond who believe their health has been, or could be, impacted by unconventional oil and gas development (UOGD, commonly known as “fracking”). A team of
medical professionals, community service professionals, and public health scientists work together toward the organization’s mission. EHP seeks to compensate for the lack of objective, reliable data on the health effects of UOGD activities raises many questions about the origins of residents’ health problems and the scope of public health risks in communities.

**Family/Community Foundations (with Health/Public Health Focus)**

**Staunton Farm Foundation (2015-16, 2017-18)**

Joni Schwager, MSW / Bethany Hemmingway, MSW—Field Instructor

Executive Director

The Staunton Farm Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of people who live with mental illness. The Foundation works to enhance mental health treatment and support by advancing best practices through grant making to non-profit organizations in the ten southwestern Pennsylvania counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland.

Joni Schwager was awarded as one of Pittsburgh’s outstanding women of philanthropy and featured in NEXTpittsburgh.

**Foundation**

**The Pittsburgh Foundation (2016-17, 2017-18)**

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Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life in the Pittsburgh region by evaluating and addressing community issues, promoting responsible philanthropy, and connecting donors to the critical needs of the community. Working closely with community-based organizations, local government, foundations and individual activists to create and advance a progressive policy and advocacy agenda. Low-income people, youth, single parents and the communities of color will be central focus to this work. In addition, the Center for Philanthropy offers donors expertise in every aspect of philanthropy, from expertise in grant-making and nonprofit management, to personalized education sessions for donors and advisors, to guidance on multi-generational giving.
Governement

Office of Councilman Corey O'Connor (2016-17, 2017-18)
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Corey O’Connor was elected to represent City Council District 5 and was sworn in on January 3, 2012. Endorsed by both the Post-Gazette and the Tribune Review, O’Connor won his seat with 75% of the vote. As councilman, O’Connor is proud to have been behind many legislation endeavors such as: establishing an HIV/AIDS Commission; working cooperatively to create an Assessment Appeal Assistance Program; sponsoring legislation to end parking meter enforcement after 6 PM; and launching “Corey’s Crew,” a group consisting of volunteers who troubleshoot, clean lots, help senior citizens, and assist at community events. As Chair of City Council’s Committee on Urban Recreation, O’Connor has toured almost every city park and visited dozens of Recreation and Senior Centers. Other initiatives of Councilman O’Connor include: turning vacant properties back into thriving businesses, creation of a city-wide Land Bank, supporting living wage legislation, smoke-free city parks, increased and safer bike paths and support for expanded park ranger program. District 5 in the city of Pittsburgh covers the following neighborhoods in the East End: Hazelwood, Glen Hazel, Greenfield, Hays, Lincoln Place, New Homestead, Regent Square, Squirrel Hill South and Swisshelm Park. These communities run the gamut of socio-economic, ethnic and racial diversity.

Hospital/Physical Health Focus

The Birmingham Free Clinic- Southside
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The Birmingham Free Clinic (BFC) founded in 1994 through the Program for Health Care to Underserved Populations (PCHUP) with the goal of placing free, compassionate health care services within the Pittsburgh community to provide a safety net of care for homeless, uninsured and medically indigent individuals. También ofrecemos servicios de atención médica gratuitos para niños y adultos sin seguro. All services are provided free of charge by a volunteer team of physicians, pharmacists, nurses, health professional students, and other healthcare providers. The clinic offers quality medical, pharmaceutical, and specialty care services to uninsured and medically underserved individuals, with support from their volunteers, the Salvation Army, generous donations, and the Division of Internal Medicine at UPMC. All clinical services are provided by volunteer staff of physicians, pharmacists, nurses, students, and other healthcare providers.

Children’s Institute – The Care Coordination Program (2015-16, Not available 2016-17, 2017-18)
Jennifer Randolph, MSW — Field Instructor
Care Coordination

The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh is a leader in innovative and integrated health care, education, and social services for children and youth with special health care needs. They are dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, young people and their families by providing a specialized continuum of
services that enables them to reach their potential. The Children’s Institute offers medical services, therapy services, educational services, and child and family services. The Care Coordination Program is a service in which a team from The Children’s Institute works with families to ensure that their children with complex medical conditions receive the services they need. The team includes nurse care coordinators, health coaches and social workers, and is overseen by a physician.

**UPMC Northwest (2017-18)**
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The UPMC Palliative and Supportive Institute and its staff focus on treating patients experiencing or living with a serious or life-limiting illness. Their focus is on managing and treating symptoms, reassuring, and helping patients and their families have the best possible quality of life during their illness. Even when a cure is not possible, they recognize the importance of treating patients and their families according to their own goals and wishes for care, whatever the illness or prognosis. The clinicians of the UPMC Palliative and Supportive Institute work collaboratively with other health care professionals throughout UPMC to provide the support and services that can make life's transitions less stressful.

**West Penn Hospital (2017-18)**
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Allegheny Health Network-West Penn Hospital, which features 317 private patient beds, has served Bloomfield and its surrounding communities since 1848. With an outstanding reputation for clinical care, excellence in nursing and exemplary outcomes, West Penn Hospital offers specialized services that draw patients throughout the tristate area. Over the years, West Penn has earned regional and national recognition for excellence in bariatric surgery, bone marrow and cell transplantation, burn care, cardiac care, nursing, women’s and infant’s care, and more. In collaboration with the Manager of Social Services, the student will participate in the:
- facilitation and coordination of the provisions of clinical social work provided to patients and families in a hospital setting
- development and maintenance of professional work standards and requirements both in the departments and within the hospital committees
- implementation of professional social work services to patients and families in the acute healthcare setting
- maintaining of compliance with regulatory requirements by assisting with audits of patient interactions
- reviewing and editing of any new and existing policies assigned to the social services department
**Human Service Organizations**

**AARP Pennsylvania (2016-17)**
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Community Outreach works with staff, volunteers, members and other AARP divisions to achieve AARP’s social impact and member value goals. Develops and provides strategic leadership for AARP advocacy activities, including the implementation of national AARP advocacy efforts and campaigns in the state. Works to build greater grassroots and key contacts capacity. In addition, seeks to strengthen relationships with elected officials in an effort to advance AARP priorities issues. Develops a presence in communities through strengthening visibility, media presence, volunteer capacity, building community partnerships, delivering programs and activities and outreach to AARP members.

**A Second Chance, Inc. (2016-2017)**
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A Second Chance, Inc. (ASCI) is a non-profit corporation established in 1994. Its mission is to provide a safe, secure, and nurturing environment to children who are being cared for by their relatives or a close family friend - formally called "kinship care". ASCI became a subcontracting agency of Allegheny County Children and Youth Services (now called Allegheny County Children, Youth and Families [CYF]) to educate communities in an effort to prevent the cycle of child, drug and alcohol abuse. It also seeks to provide children and families with kinship alternatives as a primary placement option. In addition, it extends knowledge gained and expand organizational capacity with traditional and non-traditional constituents.
AgeWell Pittsburgh at the JCC (2017-18)
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AgeWell Pittsburgh, a collaborative program of the JCC, the Jewish Association on Aging and Jewish Family & Children’s Service offers a one-stop resource that links older adults, their family members, friends and caregivers to solutions for issues related to aging. Services are provided without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, ancestry religious creed, disability or age. AgeWell Pittsburgh is committed to improving the health and well-being of older adults, their family members, friends and caregivers and the communities it serves through quality care, education, innovation, and excellence. Their mission is to help individuals with increased access to programs while discovering meaningful ways to remain active in their own community. They offer the following services: Care Services, Food and Nutrition, Programs and Support, and Transportation. AgeWell Pittsburgh has reduced duplication of services and confusion for consumers. Staff at every level are engaged with teams of their peers in operating the collaboration and there is shared responsibility for planning, budgeting, and fundraising for the collaborative. AgeWell Pittsburgh is the 2017 winner of the Collaboration Prize — a national award designed to spotlight exceptional models of permanent collaboration among nonprofit organizations.

Community Health Clinic, Inc. (2015-2016)
Site location: A Federally Qualified Health Center
The mission of the CHC is to provide quality, affordable comprehensive primary healthcare services, across the lifecycles and regardless of the ability to pay, to all residence of the Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler and Westmoreland Counties. A particular emphasis is placed on the low income, underserved, and uninsured populations.

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CLASS is driven by organizational values that foster community inclusion for people with disabilities. The organization offers a variety of individualized services ranging from independent living skills training in the classroom to community-based case management for social, recreational, and residential supports. CLASS serves adults, youth and families. Founded as United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), CLASS has broadened its programing and community reach including accessible facilities, legal services and books and other publications.
Family Services of Western PA (2015-2016)
Carol Bowen, MSW — Field Instructor

Family Services of Western Pennsylvania provides many services across four broad areas: Behavioral Health, Community (including, Incarceration/Justice-related Service, Family Counseling, School Programs, Veterans Services, and Older Adult Services); Rehabilitation; and Residential. Family Services of Western Pennsylvania has 12 service locations and many partnering associations, clinics, and organizations.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (2016-17)
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GPCFB seeks feed people in need and mobilize the community to eliminate hunger. The Food Bank offers a vast number of programs to in order to achieve it mission including: Produce to People, SNAP Sign-Up, Gleaning, Green Grocer, Community Harvest, Senior Boxes, Community Table, Retail Store Program and the Southwestern PA Food Security Partnership. Food Bank is committed to environmental efforts that make positive social and ethical contributions in the community. In addition, the Food Bank strives to make non-partisan advocacy an integral part of what is done to meet the mission.

Head Start (2017-18)
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The AIU Head Start Program provides preschool children with a comprehensive, flexible program designed to reinforce and respond to the unique strengths and needs of each individual child and family. The program offers services that include health and wellness, education, social services, and family engagement and support. Through the various models, Head Start supports a greater degree of school readiness skills and social competence in preschool children. To achieve this goal a nationally recognized/research-based curriculum is provided that promotes self-confidence, academic awareness, social interactions, and wellness.
Heritage Community Initiatives (2015-2016) Laura Oliver, MSW — Field Instructor Development Manager

Heritage Community Initiatives is committed to serving individuals and families facing socio-economic challenges in twenty communities within Allegheny County. The programs - driven by need, impact and pragmatism - fall into three primary areas: Education, Transportation, and Life Enhancing Initiatives (4 Kids Early Learning Center, HOST (Heritage Out of School Time, and Heritage Community Services: providing information for teens and parents about abstinence, STDs and character curricula). 

Hope For All (2017-18)
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Hope for All is a collaboration between YWCA Greater Pittsburgh and the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh that improves the quality of life for vulnerable children, adults, and families in the Pittsburgh region by reducing barriers to resources. Using TheBenefitBank®, an online tool developed by Solutions for Progress, Hope for All opens doors to work support benefits such as medical assistance (Medicaid), food assistance (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP), and low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP) for struggling individuals and families. Hope for All offers free tax preparation, assistance with PA property tax and rent rebates, and help with student financial assistance (Free Application for Federal Student Aid FASFA). Utilizing a coordinated system of resource referrals between partnering agencies, it is able to respond to emergency and basic needs, and help families access state and federal work support benefits and financial education assistance. Hope for All services are available throughout Allegheny County. Hope For All is supported by the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania Impact Fund.

Human Services Center Corporation
The Human Services Center Corporation seeks to improve the quality of life for children, adults, and families in the Mon Valley area. It fulfills this mission in four ways: serving as a collaborative leader by promoting and supporting a network of providers within and outside the walls of its multi-purpose center; serving as a bridge between human service organizations and those who develop policies and funding that impact the quality of life in the Mon Valley area; monitoring community needs and initiating innovative strategies to fill service gaps; and providing essential services to both community members and human service organizations. The HSCC offers facility services to ensure proper operations of the Center’s physical plant, development to protect the Center as a crucial community investment, and support for a cooperative environment (facility and grounds maintenance and improvements, and establishment of an emergency fund). Network/Coordination Services ensure cooperative and coordinated response to pressing and emerging community needs through the HSCC network and from the larger network of Mon Valley human services providers (coordination of the: Mon Valley Providers Council, Holiday Toy Program, and work with the Pantry Network of Eastern Suburbs). The HSCC is also the fiscal home of the McKeesport Collaborative.

**Our Clubhouse (2017-18)**

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Our Clubhouse is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that creates welcoming communities of support for everyone currently living with cancer—men, women, teens, and children—along with their families and friends. This unique program is an essential complement to medical care, providing networking and support groups, workshops, education and social activities. All of the activities are offered to their members at no cost and membership is free. Our Clubhouse members are the experts, and Our Clubhouse is the place where they can share wisdom, experiences, laughter and tears. Our Clubhouse staff and volunteers create an environment that encourages and invites members to come together and learn from one another on how best to live with cancer, no matter what the outcome.

They offer the following programs: **Health and Movement Workshops**, such as yoga, meditation, and healthy cooking classes help improve the well-being of mind and body; **Short-Term One-on-One Support** sessions are available with their clinical staff for more individualized support. They are available to adults, children, and teens; **Art and Expression Workshops** allow clients to learn a new skill, like painting or beading, and relax among the company of others; **Speaker Series** which covers a variety of topics such as diet and nutrition, emotional health, treatments and side effects, and alternative therapies; **Social Activities** that provide a great atmosphere to celebrate every day while building a community of support; and **Support Groups** which cover topics such as specific diagnosis, living with cancer, and ongoing post treatment concerns.

**Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh (2016-17)**
RTP provides low-income homeowners with critical home repairs, accessibility modifications, and energy-efficient upgrades. Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh and over 25,500 volunteers have completed nearly 2,300 rebuild projects in Allegheny County. RTP especially rebuilds homes for seniors, veterans, and persons with physical disabilities, to stabilize and revitalize our region's neighborhoods. RTP desires to transform the lives of low-income homeowners by improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing their communities.

**Three Rivers Adoption Council (2015-2016)**
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Three Rivers Adoption Council has served as a resource for adoption information, referral services, support, and education. TRAC’s mission is improving adoption opportunities for children awaiting permanency throughout the state of Pennsylvania. TRAC is a United Way Agency that serves as the central resource for permanency information, family recruitment, placement of special needs children, post-permanency support, education, and referral services. TRAC is a multi-service agency serving children who cannot remain with their birth families and the resource families who provide these children permanence. TRAC provides recruitment, information and referral services, counseling, family preparation, post adoption services, and parent and professional education services, to achieve and maintain maximum permanency opportunities for children and their families.

**Human Services Organization Serving Refugee/Resettlement Communities**

**South Hills Interfaith Ministries/ Family Center (2015-2016, 2016-17, 2017-18 in progress)**
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Site Director

South Hills Interfaith Ministries is a human services organization dedicated to providing the resources necessary for struggling families to achieve self-sufficiency. They provide direct assistance (such as food, clothing, and utility assistance) as well as offering a variety of family support programs (including financial literacy classes, an early childhood program, a summer day camp, and a family support center). SHIM serves more than 1,000 families or over 4,000 individuals each year.

Prospect Park (now called Whitehall Place) is a large apartment community of about 1,200 units located in Whitehall Borough. Just over half of these units are occupied by families of non-American origin, including refugee and immigrant families. SHIM’s Family Center was established in February 2007 through funding from the Allegheny County Department of Human Services. The Family Center is free to all families living in the apartment community, focusing primarily on families with children ages 0 – 5 years.
Organizations with HIV/AIDS Focus – Support/Prevention

**Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (2015-2016)**
Sean DeYoung, MSW, LCSW, Chief Executive Officer  
Maria Phillips, MSW— Field Instructor  
Director of Client Services

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force is devoted to supporting and empowering all individuals living with HIV/AIDS, and preventing the spread of infection. PATF’s services including: testing and prevention, mental health counseling/support groups, emergency fund assistance, food pantry and housing, medical care, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, transportation, and legal aid.

**Prevention Point Pittsburgh (2015-2016)**  
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Overdose Prevention Project Coordinator

Prevention Point Pittsburgh strives to provide easy access to tools and services necessary to reduce harms related to drug use. All services are provided free of charge. The Overdose Prevention Project (ODP) was started by Prevention Point Pittsburgh in 2002 in response to the alarming increase in overdose deaths in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The ODP Project provides training on Overdose Prevention & Response to individuals at risk of drug overdose, as well as to staff of agencies who work with individuals at risk.

Organizations Serving Veterans

**Southwestern Veterans Center (2016-17)**  
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Director and Coordinator of Veteran Volunteer Resources at Military and Veteran Affairs- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

The Southwestern Veterans Center provides a broad spectrum of health care and related services to veterans who are disabled, chronically ill, or in need of specialized care. The center serves 204 veterans and spouses; 160 beds for nursing care and 44 beds on our Memory Impaired unit. Their focus is to assist veterans in functioning independently and at their optimal levels within the limitations of their illnesses.

**VA Hospital (2015-2016, 2017-18)**  
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Vice President of Community Based Care and Social Work Executive

University Drive campus serves as the acute care facility and has 146 operating beds distributed among medicine, surgery, neurology and critical care. A range of outpatient services and 78 secure, private psychiatric beds are also located at this campus.
**Policy Advocacy Organization**

**University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics (2017-18, Fall and Spring Terms)**
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**Elsie Hillman Civic Forum- Ambassadors for Civic Engagement (Elsie ACEs)**
This program provides an opportunity for students to apply their classroom education in the community through a robust long-term experiential internship that will address a critical community and policy issue with a focus on affecting positive community outcomes. Through the course of the program, students will increase their understanding of social issues, strengthen their social responsibility, heighten their understanding of human diversity and learn from students representing myriad disciplines all while responding to the challenges of our communities. As part of the program, Elsie ACEs will attend weekly program sessions on campus that will focus on leadership development, project management exercises, and guided discussion and presentations on related topics.

Adagio Health is the project’s community partner. Founded in 1971, Adagio partners with more than 20 other healthcare services to provide health care at more than 70 sites in 23 counties of western Pennsylvania. Adagio addresses a wide variety of health concerns. Elsie ACEs will be embedded with Adagio to help develop and execute strategies for 5 initiatives that will strengthen regional partnerships for the development of a robust referral network that will help women and their families in Western Pennsylvania lead healthier lives.

This interdisciplinary program is designed to provide students with first-hand experience working with local, state, and federal elected officials involved in the policy-making process for the Pittsburgh region. The students work closely with the official’s office, gaining firsthand knowledge of the political workings and atmosphere of the Pittsburgh region. These experiences are supplemented with a weekly seminar, designed to utilize creative learning techniques and discussion to further analyze the public service process. The program is designed to further a student’s knowledge of the public service by exploring the role of the participant-observer in a field placement setting, providing a framework for understanding the profile of the Pittsburgh region and the district in which the student is placed, including historical background, economy, and social structure, requiring organizational analysis of the office in which the student is placed, and analyzing of the policy-making process and the various political and non-political factors that influence decision makers. With this knowledge, students will have a better understanding of what it means to effectively pursue service in the public sector and the importance of being politically active and involved in their communities and the nation.
Health Plan’s health management function includes a comprehensive team of health professionals who serve members’ needs where and when that service is most effective. These professionals help to support and educate members in programs that include the following: Wellness programs, Condition and case management, Practice-based care management, and Hospital-based case management.

Bridging the Gaps gives students the opportunity to work directly with the program director and underserved populations of all kinds to better understand their health needs. The internship also provides invaluable community outreach to organizations that are on the front lines of health care. Interns are paired with other health science students to provide the maximum benefits of interdisciplinary learning. This multi-disciplinary, community health internship program is in collaboration with the School of Medicine and aims to train health professional students while providing critical support to organizations that work with vulnerable populations.

The Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) is a multipart effort dedicated to addressing community violence. The main programs of VPI are the Homicide Review and Gunshot Reoccurring Injury Prevention Services (GRIPS). GRIPS is a hospital-based violence intervention program with the goal of preventing firearm assault re-injury and criminal involvement. Firearm assault survivors are recruited from hospital sites and offered case management and social support. With the help of GRIPS interventionists, participants outline goal areas (e.g., employment, completing GED) to address during the 6-month duration of the intervention.