Passavant Memorial Homes Family of Services: Field Education
Description

The MSW student will be supervised by the Social Services Department, including the Social Services Director and Vice President of Social Services. Both are graduates of The University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. The Vice President of Social Services is an LCSW and the Social Services Director is working toward her LCSW through active outside supervision. The mission of Passavant Memorial Homes is to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities and behavioral health needs to live successfully in the community. Through a continuum of care, the highest quality supports are always provided, while promoting choice and independence.

The Social Services Department is responsible for all intake and referral coordination for all of the services Passavant Memorial Homes provides. The student will go through the standard training provided by the agency by the Human Resources Department. The student will engage in the referral process, including completing genograms, ecomaps, and timelines, be trained to lead a referral meeting, working with numerous departments to be creative utilizing existing vacancies and learn and participate in the expansion of new housing sites, attend county and provider meetings, and attend meetings and tours with individuals, family members, and/or Supports Coordinators. The student will shadow and complete bereavement and grief support, and learn and implement services under both the Consolidated Waiver and Adult Autism Waiver funding streams, including weekly outpatient individual and group therapeutic support. The student will attend trainings throughout the community to connect, educate, and empower individuals, families, and community members about how to obtain services for their loved ones.

The student will also join the Jamie Ellenberger Scholarship Committee and also contribute to fundraising and grant writing opportunities under the Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation. The student will also learn about the sister companies under the Passavant Memorial Homes Family of Services, including Life Enrichment Trust, InvivaSpan Health Services Inc., PDC Pharmacy, Accessible Dental Services, and Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation. These sister companies help to support the non-profit company of Passavant Memorial Homes and help to provide quality care in needed arenas for individuals with disabilities. Understanding how the businesses coincide together is essential to the growth of our organization and quality care to our individuals and something that will definitely increase the wealth of knowledge for the student.

The student will also incorporate areas that coincide with the current curriculum presented in their classes with the department to better educate the student in the application process (e.g. therapeutic modalities, grant writing skills) and ultimately strengthening the department. The student will have a well-rounded field placement and strengthen their skills significantly.