North Hills Community Outreach
Direct Services Intern

Internship Sites:
NHCO Allison Park Office, 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101
NHCO Millvale Office, 416 Lincoln Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209
NHCO North Boroughs Office, 939 California Avenue, Avalon, PA 15202

Eligibility: BASW and MSW (Direct Practice)

Available Hours: 9am to 4pm Monday - Friday

North Hills Community Outreach is an organization of people helping people through life’s many challenges.

Our History
In 1986, when flooding ravaged portions of the North Hills, local religious and community leaders began working together to assist flood victims, directing the resources offered by congregations, businesses, civic organizations and individuals to best meet the needs of affected families. When the flood work was over, it was clear that there was a real need in the community for an organization that addresses basic needs. As a result, North Hills Community Outreach was incorporated in 1987 as an organization of People Helping People.

Our Mission
We are an interfaith organization addressing the needs of people living in crisis, hardship and poverty.

Our Vision
We see a future where northern Allegheny County is a sharing community where no one is cold, hungry or alone.
Our Values
These four tenets are the foundation of our core beliefs in action:

Faith – We recognize the love of God for everyone.
Compassion – We treat individuals with dignity, understanding and caring.
Empowerment – We foster self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.
Stewardship – We manage our resources in a trustworthy and responsible way for the good of the community.

As a charitable organization, there are no fees for assistance through NHCO. We rely on the generosity and support of individuals, businesses, foundations, government entities, religious organizations, schools and civic groups to help us carry out our mission of serving those in need. NHCO serves individuals and families in all of northern Allegheny County north of the City of Pittsburgh. Some programs are offered across the entire county in partnership with other organizations.

Opportunities

Students will participate in the following:

- Supporting NHCO staff in addressing the needs of individuals and families in hardship, crisis, and poverty to achieve economic self-sufficiency and self-reliance;
- Assisting NHCO staff with crisis intervention; food pantry services; emergency, financial, transportation, utility, employment and housing assistance to individuals and families in support of the mission of NHCO;
- Screening callers and walk-ins for their appropriateness and eligibility for all NHCO services;
- Completing in-person intakes and needs assessments;
- Providing referrals to NHCO programs and services and other appropriate community resources;
- Following-up to ensure that persons have received needed services;
- Utilizing volunteers to assist with daily tasks;
- Other projects as needed.

Requirements:

- PA State Criminal Background Clearance, PA Child Abuse Clearance and FBI Clearance
- Mandated Reporter Training
- Agency Orientation

If you are interested in this internship opportunity, please contact your field coordinator at the School of Social Work.