



PIRC
Pennsylvania Immigration
Resource Center

**MSW STUDENT
2017-2018
FIELDWORK**

- Projects:** Vulnerable Populations in Detention Project
- Approx. Dates:** September 2017 – May 2018; (dates and schedule flexible)
- Salary:** Unpaid. Willing to coordinate with applicable schools for students to earn course credit or fellowship funding.
- Location:** PIRC's main office in York, Pennsylvania.
- Reports to:** PIRC's Managing Attorneys, as well as Staff Attorneys who serve as project supervisors.
- Field Supervision:** MSW Staff Member in PIRC Detained Program
- Qualifications & Experience:**
- Second year MSW preferred;
 - Completion of foundational coursework, including cultural competency frameworks; preferred coursework includes: clinical social work with adults, courses in psychodynamic and/or cognitive and behavioral clinical theories, and trauma with vulnerable populations is preferred (or suggested to be taken simultaneously with fieldwork) but not required;
 - Spanish language skills preferred, but not required;
 - Excellent organizational and time management skills required;
 - Previous experience with client intake and/or immigration helpful;
 - Ability to work independently, take initiative, and work effectively as team member required;
 - Ability to interact with people from various backgrounds and cultures required;
 - Ability and willingness to pass federal background check and facility clearances.
- Job Purpose and Activities**
- Conduct clinical intakes and provide social support to potential clients detained by the Department of Homeland Security *in* the York County Prison, particularly those with mental health and mental competency issues, or are seeking asylum.
 - Assist MSW field supervisor in coordinating psychological evaluations, medical evaluations, and various social support assistance for detainees, including being a point of contact for families;
 - Develop post-release plans for detained immigrants in collaboration with MSW field supervisor and help develop a post-release referral list for immigrants with mental health issues;
 - Enter all client-related notes into case management system and maintain confidentiality;
 - Observe immigration court hearings;
 - Accompany PIRC staff to liaison meetings with Department of Homeland Security, Immigration Court, and coalition meetings with non-profit partners, as possible or needed;
 - Complete other office tasks as needed.
- To Apply:** PIRC will work with Field Placement offices of MSW programs at local universities, or individuals may send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and three references to Elizabeth Miller, Office and Development Manager, emiller@pirclaw.org, or P.O. Box 20339, York, PA 17402.
- Deadline:** **Resumes will be accepted until March 31, 2017, or until the available positions are filled.**