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To: Field Placement Site Supervisor

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Re: Field placement expectations

This document provides a brief explanation of what we are doing for the Field Experience Seminar, as well as what are our expectations for you and for your student.

In a nutshell, we want the student(s) to get involved with your agency through direct service to your clients where possible. In addition, we hope students can also become involved in some systemic-level activities---these might include participating in your agency outreach activities, helping design evaluation methods for an ongoing service, investigating ways to design and implement a new program, looking at grant-writing opportunities in your community, helping to design staff training activities...

The seminar which I will be conducting on our campus is meant to keep students accountable for their activities with you as well as help them reflect upon, analyze, and generalize what they are doing with you. By doing so in a group format, we want students to learn from each other the great activities that are taking place at different social service agencies in our area, and also learn how they can apply themselves successfully in ways which will yield positive results.

The bottom line is that I believe that students will benefit greatly from their involvement with you, and that your agency will benefit greatly from these students being involved with you. You will be asked to invest in these students by offering some training and ongoing supervision (to be determined by you). At the end of the semester you will have an evaluation form to fill out with your student. I think that your investment will reap great rewards for your agency and for you---working with fresh, eager young minds can remind us all about why we have gone into our respective lines of service.

You can find more specific learning goals that we have for students at our class website: <https://uakron.edu/psychology/academics/undergraduate/field-experience-seminar>

If you have additional questions, please contact me, or my Teaching Assistant.

Thanks for your consideration,

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