Practicum Opportunity

Practicum Organization: Institute for Public Health (Life Outside of Violence)
Washington University in St. Louis

Practicum site(s): Institute for Public Health
Taylor Avenue Building (TAB) Medical Campus

Life Outside of Violence (LOV), is the short name for the St. Louis Area Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program. The program helps those harmed by stabbing, gunshot or assault receive the treatment, support and resources they need to find alternatives to end the cycle of violence.

The Institute for Public Health at Washington University launched the program in August 2018 and is the first in the nation to incorporate three research universities (Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis University and University of Missouri - St. Louis) and four hospitals (Barnes-Jewish Hospital, SSM Health St. Louis University Hospital, St. Louis Children’s Hospital and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital.)

The idea behind LOV is to help decrease incidences of retaliation, criminal involvement, re-injury, and death for St. Louis City and County residents ages 8 to 24 who have been seen at a participating hospital and enroll in the program.

A trained Community Outreach Worker provides first response to provide outreach and information about the LOV program to potential participants while they are in the hospital or in the community. Following hospital treatment, a Clinical Case Manager works with each participant and his/her family for six months to one year to develop and maintain a plan to stay safe, connect to community resources, etc.

We are seeking practicum students to work in a learning capacity on a newly funded award through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). Anticipated activities include but are not limited to helping the data collection and tracking, observation of clinical and outreach activities, identifying best-practice resources and materials, community engagement, and participation in project and committee meetings.

For additional information, please review our website: Life Outside of Violence (LOV)

Minimum requirements:
In-progress Master’s degree in public health or social work
Strong interpersonal, oral, and written skills
Proficient computer skills, experience with Microsoft Office required
Excellent organizational skills
Ability to work independently and as part of a team

Timeframe: 2020 and 2021 (Spring, Fall and Summer Semesters)
Hours: Dependent on student educational plan and the organization need
Paid: Yes
No. of positions available: 2

How to apply: Email cover and resume to Kateri Chapman-Kramer at kgchapman-kramer@wustl.edu.