

Sample Field Work Descriptions

Student: John Doe

Practicum Placement: 1 of 4

Dates and Hours: 1996-1997 school year, for a total of 250 hours at this agency

Agency Description: Child Protective Services (CPS), which may also be known as the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), is a state-run agency that provides counseling, rehabilitation or placement services for neglected or abused children.

Role: Child Protection Worker

In this role, John Doe learned about helping client's access resources, about identifying and documenting abuse and neglect cases and finding the appropriate services to enhance child welfare. John Doe learned to be able to identify immediate threats made to a child and provide arrangements that comply with state and federal laws and agency procedures. These learnings and experiences included:

- Providing counseling or support services to both children and parents, as well as other family members
- Referring children, families and caregivers to other services when necessary
- Placing children in foster care if necessary
- Finding appropriate adoptive homes for children if necessary

John Doe's experience was both observational and hands on, and he was evaluated by direct observation from his Field Placement Supervisor, Dr. Jane Doe (MSW, RSW) who works for CPS full time.

John Doe successfully completed this placement.