



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

The Ohio State University, on behalf of its College of Social Work ("OHIO STATE"), and

("AGENCY") agree as follows:

WHEREAS, OHIO STATE has established a program for professional development as part of its requirements leading to a degree from the College of Social Work (the "practicum experience"); and

WHEREAS, the AGENCY desires to aid the professional development of students in the College of Social Work;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be received, the parties do hereby mutually agree to the following provisions:

1. OHIO STATE and the AGENCY shall mutually agree in writing on the selection and number of social work students eligible to participate, and the time and nature of their work while participating, in the practicum experience. OHIO STATE shall recommend placement of students to the AGENCY on the basis of the AGENCY's suitability, as determined by OHIO STATE to meet their educational needs.
2. While participating in the practicum experience, social work students shall be required to comply with all relevant policies and procedures of AGENCY, including rules relating to the confidentiality of patient information. AGENCY shall provide all necessary orientation, administrative guides and policies and procedures to social work students participating in the practicum experience.
3. Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status, or any other basis under the law.
4. The social work students participating in the practicum experience shall be entitled to observe the holidays of the AGENCY and OHIO STATE.
5. OHIO STATE shall withdraw any social work student from the practicum experience if the student is found not to be acceptable for reasons of performance or reasonable cause on the recommendation of the AGENCY, the OHIO STATE Coordinator of Field Instruction, the Dean of the College of Social Work or their designee. Prior to withdrawal of a social work student from the practicum experience with the AGENCY, a discussion of the pertinent facts will be conducted with all persons concerned. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, to the extent AGENCY requests the withdrawal of a student from the practice experience, OHIO STATE will comply with that request pending the outcome of the discussion of pertinent facts.
6. During the practicum experience, the primary mission for participating social work students shall be educational.
7. Social work students participating in the practicum experience are not employees of the AGENCY for the purpose of this agreement. Students may be eligible for grants and/or stipends, which will be disclosed by the AGENCY to OHIO STATE and will be monitored by OHIO STATE.
8. OHIO STATE shall grant fee authorizations to the AGENCY in accordance with OHIO STATE's standard practices, as they may be modified from time to time, if the AGENCY meets the criteria determined by OHIO STATE.

