A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
Community Food and Agricultural Coalition, Inc. (CFAC) works to increase access to fresh, affordable local food, expand local food markets, increase beginning farmers' access to agricultural land and to protect community food security. CFAC facilitates dialogue, education and collaboration within the community, encouraging creative problem-solving and proactive policy advocacy.

CFAC works to rebuild a sustainable, local food system, in which farmers and ranchers make a decent living while people of all economic backgrounds have access to fresh, affordable food. We nurture sustainable partnerships, craft innovative projects, and design practices and activities that engage area farmers and producers, youth and schools, people with limited income, and key local and state level policy makers to build a strong, inclusive local food system.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
CFAC works with many different groups: low-income/food stamp recipients, farmers (including Hmong), local business owners, social service organization representatives, government officials and staff, developers, researchers, community organizers. Our goals reflect our mission to increase food security for all people, and to organize community members on key policy issues.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
This project will give the practicum student valuable social work skills focused most especially on membership recruitment & engagement around social policy, group facilitation, research – both academic and community based, policy research and development, public speaking and outreach, low-income advocacy.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
Students need to demonstrate strong social work values and ethics; ability to work independently within a group/committee context; strong interest in social justice as it relates to food security access, and social welfare; and professional work ethics and leadership.