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NAME OF AGENCY: Adult Protective Services, Region 5
(Counties: Granite, Mineral, Missoula, and Ravalli)

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STUDENT PREFERENCE: BSW student ☐ MSW student ☐ Either BSW or MSW ☑

A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
Our mission is to investigate all reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults over 60 and disabled adults (over 18).

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
Adults with DD, disabilities, and elderly individuals over age 60.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
There are a variety of experiences APS could share with students. We do many home visits; investigations into reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; court actions; case notes, and community education. A student would learn many aspects of operating in an office setting, dealing with files and writing annual court reports. All aspects of elder law are used regularly. There are also court hearings that could be attended by students (APS workers do not always attend hearings). We work with families of victims, many community resource personnel and law enforcement officers.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
Students would be expected to create and adhere to a regular schedule set up with the Regional Supervisor. The student could work with staff in the Missoula or Hamilton offices. They would be expected to learn all aspects of APS work and reach a level of independent operation toward the end of their practicum.