A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING

APS is a state agency that is mandated in state statute to investigate abuse, neglect and exploitation for individuals who are either developmentally disabled or over 60 years of age.

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 would work with staff in the Kalispell office. They would be expected to learn all aspects of APS work and reach a level of independent operation toward the end of their practicum.