A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
Families First is a Montana nonprofit committed to strengthening families by providing child-rearing information, guidance, and support to parents of all backgrounds and life circumstances. We are not affiliated with any religious or political organization. We have three main programs: Parent Programs (classes, support groups, consultations, and phone-in consultations), Children’s Museum of Missoula, and Seasons Bereavement Programs (with groups, consultations, and outdoor programs, including summer camps). We also offer Continuing Education workshops for professionals working with families. Pre-practicum work-study and AmeriCorps positions are available. Families First is a family-friendly, casual place and offers an individualized experience, geared to your learning goals.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
Families First exists to answer needs of parents from all backgrounds and life circumstances. Most parents are self- or agency-referred to the program.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Students may be involved in all aspects of this developing organization, including client recruitment, delivery of parent education, resource development, community networking, client database maintenance and interpretation, and program development and evaluation.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
We are not a clinical setting; our programs are psycho-educational rather than therapeutic. We do not do case-management.

Families First is looking for self-motivated students who are able to identify their own educational goals, possess good communication skills, and have an interest in family issues. Being a parent is a plus.