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NAME OF AGENCY: Rocky Mountain Youth Resources, Rocky Mountain Development Council-Helena

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

A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
The mission of Rocky Mountain Youth Resources (RMYR) is empowering and supporting youth to become independent, responsible adults.

At Rocky Mountain Youth Resources, youth experience relationships characterized by safety, protection and care. Youth Support Staff create a home like atmosphere in which we set healthy limits in a caring, structured community, giving youth confidence to try out positive behaviors, to build on individual strengths, and to learn from mistakes. Rocky Mountain Youth Resources believes that all youth need to live in a supportive environment that allows them to develop wellness, express their individuality and learn the skills to live independently.

The ultimate goal of the Rocky Mountain Youth Resources is to develop a community of strength both inside the residential facilities and outside the program so that youth develop the internal strength and external support they need to move successfully into adulthood.

Rocky Mountain Youth Resources operates two residential facilities: the Jan Shaw Therapeutic Youth Home for girls and the Margaret Stuart Youth Home for boys and girls. The Jan Shaw Therapeutic Youth Home served up to 6 females at a time, in a long term therapeutic home. The Margaret Stuart Youth Home can serve up to 8 boys or girls at a time providing shelter and long term group home services. Youth ages 12-17 are referred primarily by Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services – Child and Family Services or from Youth Court. Rocky Mountain Youth Resources also offers outpatient therapy, transitional living programs for ‘aging out’ foster care youth as well as High Fidelity Wraparound Services.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
The clients at Rocky Mountain Youth Resources are generally referred to the program through the Department of Health and Human Services – Child Protective Services and Juvenile Probation – Youth Court. We do accept private pay clients and youth referred by other foster care and case management agencies. We serve both male and female clients between 12-17 years of age. Margaret Stuart Youth Home is a non-therapeutic placement. Jan Shaw Youth Home is a therapeutic group home. Wraparound Services are considered to be at the same level as residential treatment. Our transitional living programs provide case management and supportive services to youth aging out of the foster care system.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Students would have the opportunity to act as floor staff, and MSW students could assist with therapy and therapeutic interventions. Both BSW and MSW students would be able to work in team meetings with the RMYR staff members as well as the members of the clients’ teams outside of MYH. They may be in charge of facilitating group meetings between clients or clients and staff members.

Another opportunity would be to have a student be the assistant coordinator for the Independent Living
Training Program. This student would be in charge of making sure the ILT curriculum was up to date, they would also teach the ILT curriculum to the clients both one-on-one and in the group format.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
At RMYR the student would be expected to be on time, reliable, consistent and should genuinely like working with teenagers. The student would be expected to develop appropriate relationships and maintain appropriate boundaries with all RMYR clients. The student would be expected to follow all RMYR rules, policies and procedures. The student would be expected to be comfortable working with both male and female clients both one on one and as a group. The student would be expected to act as authority figure. The student would be expected to act as an advocate for all RMYR clients. The student would be expected to be able to pass a Criminal, Child Protective Services and Motor Vehicle background check.