A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
The Salvation Army is an international nonprofit organization that exists in over 120 countries. Our mission is to meet human needs without discrimination. While The Salvation Army is a religious organization, there are no religious requirements on any participants in our programs. The Salvation Army in Missoula serves individuals and families who are facing homelessness or financial instability due to many different circumstances. Clients come from many backgrounds, faiths, sexual orientations and ethnicities and simply need some help. The Salvation Army meets human need without discrimination and does so to the best of its ability. There is a hygiene center open daily (showers and laundry), emergency food boxes, rental assistance (Winter months), transportation vouchers and other services as funding allows. The Salvation Army will be starting up a new program targeting Homeless Teens and will providing a drop in center for this population. The interns will be heavily involved in creating and sustaining this program.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
One of the most underserved populations in Missoula is that of homeless unattended youth. It is estimated that at any given time, there are at least 100 youth who are homeless without a guardian. This puts them at risk to drop out of school and fall into substance abuse as well as many other issues that may face them. The population that interns will work with are between the ages of 12-18 and will come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Interns will have the opportunity for the following experiences:
- Direct case management with teens
- Leading groups
- Research the population that is being served (which is heavily under researched at this time)
- Learn about policy within the county and state level that faces this population
- Learn how to work within a large, international nonprofit that has its own internal structure and policy
- Practice assessment, engagement, intervention and evaluation of individuals. Learn about how and when to refer as well as connect them with resources.
- Work with teens to speak out about the issues facing them and bring them to light within the community
- Interact and manage many people from diverse lifestyles and experiences

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
Interns will work M-W from 12-8 pm. They will have space to meet with clients as well as create programmatic elements to help youth become productive members of society. Resources will be available to connect clients with other nonprofits as well as MCPS to keep them engaged in their own development. Interns will report directly to Lt. Loreen Hamilton (Co-Administrator) and will be formational in creating the drop in center. Research opportunities will also be available.