A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
The Western Montana Mental Health Center of 2007 provides services in 40 separate facilities/locations in western and southwestern Montana. The Center maintains full time staff and programs in 12 of their 15 service counties. The number of employees in May 2007 was 640. Programs include case management, crisis response teams in the major population centers, crisis stabilization facilities; adult and youth group homes, day treatment, vocational services, outpatient, medical outpatient, independent living and chemical dependency outpatient treatment. The Center has moved in recent years to development and operation of various housing programs to help insure adequate and affordable housing options for the consumers it serves. Programs are increasingly dedicated to the following service populations:

- adults with a serious mental illness
- adults with substance abuse problems
- youth with serious emotional disturbances
- youth with substance abuse problems
- veterans eligible for mental health care under special VA contract
- individuals with co-occurring MH & SA problems.

The Center also offers school based programs, prevention services and comprehensive school and community treatment programs in multiple public school districts. The largest segment of the Center’s finances come from Medicaid and contracts with the Montana State Dept. of Public Health and Human Services. County government remains integrally involved in the governance of the Center and is a significant funding source for local programs. In 2001, the Board of Directors chartered a separate subsidiary corporation for purposes of oversight and development of substance abuse treatment services called Western Montana Addiction Services(WMAS). WMAS is providing services in Missoula, Ravalli, Mineral, Granite, Deer Lodge and Powell Counties as of April 2006. The board has authorized the establishment of two client housing development corporations (Garden City Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and the Flathead-Lake CHDO, which continue to operate as subsidiary corporations of the Center.

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B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP

Children designated for School Based Mental Health Services.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Provide direct clinical services to children designated for School Based Mental Health Services in assigned schools, including individual, play therapy, family and group therapy. Provide family therapy for families of origin and foster families. Supervise Behavior Specialist. Assist in the development of the School Based Mental Health Services Program on an ongoing basis. Provide clinical expertise and treatment supervision to the treatment teams, teachers and administrators of assigned schools. Maintain appropriate clinical records.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
Thorough knowledge of children with emotional, behavioral or mental disorders, techniques and principles of individual, play, group and family therapy, family systems, a variety of treatment approaches, child protection systems, and community based systems.

To work with children and families from the strengths perspective, promoting their ability to utilize their existing strengths to progress, a firm commitment to family-centered approaches and family preservation.

Master’s Degree in Social work or Psychology, or related field, 2 years post-graduate experience working clinically with children and families.