A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
WORD is a feminist non-profit organization offering innovative programming focused on assisting homeless and low-income women and their families in achieving economic self-sufficiency. The Families in Transition (FIT) Program provides case management, housing counseling, basic needs assistance and youth development to families in need.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
The Families in Transition Program works with homeless families, mainly those with children in Missoula Public Schools.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Volunteers are recruited throughout the year to work one-on-one as tutors to children identified as homeless or at-risk of homelessness in Missoula Public Schools (a one to two hour per week commitment). Beginning in April, WORD seeks staff and volunteers as counselors for its summer program, Summer Arts & Leadership Camp, which serves approximately 70 low-income kids who would otherwise be unable to afford access to such programming. Activities include arts and crafts, sports, hiking, attending local events and more.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
Students are viewed as staff members and are expected to be dependable, willing to learn and open to constructive feedback and the challenge to grow, able to identify their learning needs, function independently and contribute to team meetings. Students are encouraged to attend weekly program meetings and bi-monthly organizational meetings. WORD welcomes the opportunity to mesh the academic with field experience. Experience working with children and at-risk groups is favorable. Must respect WORD’s feminist, pro-choice values.