DATE AGENCY DESCRIPTION UPDATED:  8/14/14

NAME OF AGENCY:  Women’s Opportunity & Resource Development (WORD)
PROGRAM:  Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)

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STUDENT PREFERENCE:  BSW student [ ]  MSW student [ ]  Either BSW or MSW [X]

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 Mentors in Violence Prevention Program trains students and community leaders in bystander awareness to empower participants to stand up to gender-based violence in our communities.

B.  DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
The Mentors in Violence Prevention Program works with high school students, college students and social service professionals across the state.

C.  LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) seeks to reduce the level of men’s violence against women by raising awareness, opening dialogue and challenging thinking. The MVP program uses a unique approach to prevention that views students not as potential perpetrators or victims, but as empowered bystanders who can confront abusive peers or challenge discrimination in any situation. The MVP Program does not ordinarily employ practicum students, but interactive ‘trainer trainings’ are offered periodically.

D.  EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
WORD welcomes the opportunity to mesh the academic with field experience. Training participants should be dependable, up-beat, willing to learn and open to the challenge to grow. Must respect WORD’s feminist, pro-choice values.