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NAME OF AGENCY: Women’s Opportunity & Resource Development (WORD)
PROGRAM: North Valley Family Center

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

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 North Valley Family Center is a family resource center which provides educational opportunities in a safe, nurturing setting to the residents of Florence, Stevensville and Lone Rock.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
The North Valley Family Center is open to families living in the Bitterroot Valley; all activities are free and open to the public. The center serves a large number of low-income families, providing a ‘pay-it-forward’ pantry for food as well as household, toiletry and baby care items.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
The North Valley Family Center offers after-school programs, youth activities, family fun activities, adult education, parenting classes and community resource information. Practicum students can help to staff the center and organize and facilitate events.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
WORD welcomes the opportunity to mesh the academic with field experience. 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. Experience working with children and at-risk groups is favorable. Must respect WORD’s feminist, pro-choice values.