A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
YWCA Missoula believes that everyone has the right to a life free of violence and that every person is entitled to safe and decent housing. We are determined to create a community where all people, regardless of gender or race, have opportunities for growth, leadership and power. This year, YWCA Missoula celebrates 100 years responding to the emerging issues facing women in the community. It is through this rich history filled with compassion and dedication to families in Missoula that we are able to continue our mission eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people in our community.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
Planet Kids provides Supervised Visitation and Supervised Safe Exchange for families who have experienced domestic violence. Children range in age from 0 up to 18 years of age. Children must reside with one parent for a family to be eligible to access our services. We serve families in Missoula and surrounding counties, as well as non-custodial parents who live out of state.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Students will be required to participate in the YWCA Missoula's Domestic Violence training in the Fall or Spring. This provides comprehensive advocate training for anyone interested in volunteering with the YWCA Missoula. Students will have the opportunity to participate in registrations with clients; supervise visits and safe exchanges; attend staff meetings and targeted staff training. We also collect and evaluate data, write grant reports, and document visits with a visit log. Practicum students will also have the chance to survey clients about our services. Because we provide visitation to fathers who are abusive to their partners, students will get a better understanding of the issues all family members deal with when domestic violence occurs, it’s affect on women, children, and fathers.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
See Learning Opportunities