**BSW Practicum Opportunity**

Completing a practicum with the Student Advocacy Resource Center (SARC) provides you with an

excellent opportunity to become involved with positive change on campus while learning valuable skills

in crisis intervention and advocacy. As a practicum student working with SARC, you will be a part of a program based on the empowerment model. Practicum students provide advocacy services to those

affected by discrimination, sexual assault, and relationship violence, as well as participate in awareness

raising on campus. The BSW student takes a leadership role in the Peer Advocate Program by assisting

the Advocate Coordinator with meeting planning, training, and event coordination.

**Direct Service Opportunities**

**Peer Advocacy:** SARC provides academic, reporting, and medical advocacy to survivors of interpersonal violence. The BSW practicum student is involved in direct advocacy for clients by helping them navigate University and community resources and providing emotional support.

**Support line:** SARC provides a 24-hour support line during the academic school year for students. The BSW student takes on a leadership role in staffing the support line.

**Outreach Opportunities**

**Bystander Intervention, etc.:** SARC provides various trainings to campus in the form of hour-long presentations, including Bystander Intervention, Resiliency, and First Responder. These training inform students about consent, how to support survivors, and what resources are available for students.

**Awareness Raising:** SARC hosts a number of awareness raising events throughout the academic year. BSW students help plan events such as the Social Justice Fair and Sexual Assault Awareness Month programming.

**Capacity Building**

The BSW student will complete a project during their practicum that contributes to campus safety, inclusivity, and the ongoing mission of SARC. The project will be determined by the unique interests of the BSW student and needs of SARC that year. Project examples include hosting a campus event geared toward building awareness about relationship violence, or developing a research project that will benefit the student in one of their classes as well as contribute to SARC trainings or services.

**If interested in doing your BSW practicum at SARC, please complete the Peer Advocate application and return it to** [**alison.pepper@mso.umt.edu**](mailto:alison.pepper@mso.umt.edu) **by April 26th, 2020. Applications submitted after this date may still be considered.**