Service-Learning at Saint Joseph’s University

Placement information

Centro Nueva Creacion

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Transportation: Approximately 20 minutes by car

Description of the Agency: “Opened in 1994, Centro Nueva Creación builds hope in the Fairhill and West Kensington neighborhoods of North Philadelphia by creating opportunities for children and families to transform their community through child-centric, holistic educational and enrichment activities based in the arts, humanities, and technology.

Utilizing an asset-based approach that demands the development of local leadership and celebration of the rich Latino culture, Centro Nueva Creación strives to complement, fill in the gaps, and maximize the education and opportunities available to young people in order to help break the cycle of crime and poverty.

Centro administers after school and summer camp programs to at-risk, low-income, Latino children in North Philadelphia. All of our programs are bilingual, low or no cost, and open to the public.”-- Centro Nueva Creation Web Site

Student Role in Agency: Students will be working in the after school program with children in grades K – 5. Homework help between 4:00 – 4:45 and specialty classes from 4:45 – 5:30pm. Student’s interested in this site need to be innovative and self-directive. The agency is looking for students who are interested and committed to developing a specialty class such as: story telling/story book reading, photography, poetry etc. They invite you to share your gifts and talents with the children

Unique Features of Agency: Centro Nueva Creacion began in 1994 in response to a need that was articulated by the families living within the four block community that surrounds the agency.

Orientation and Requirements: 3 Clearances
SJU and Centro Nueva Creacion policies require 4 clearances to volunteer at this placement: Criminal Background, Child Abuse History, FBI Fingerprinting and Minors on Campus Training Video. More information on how to complete these clearances is available at www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents and at Placement Awareness Training.