

Supervised Field Placement

Agency/Organization: American Red Cross/Upstate South Carolina Chapter

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Description of Services: The Red Cross Disaster Services in this area provides disaster services assistance to victims of natural disasters such as fire, tornados, and hurricanes. They also assist in the opening of shelters in areas where citizens have been evacuated due to things like chemical spills or large mill building fires, or if areas have been evacuated from costal areas due to hurricanes, ect. The Health and Safety services that the American Red Cross holds training classes in things like CPR and First Aid. There are some children's health and safety programs that can be taught upon request. Many of these classes are taught at our facility, but we also have instructors in many schools and industries that certify their own co-workers in these skills. The AFES arm of the Red Cross can help contact family members who are in the service to get them returned home in the case of a death in the family. Red Cross Canteen services is also available in certain cases. They are used in shelter operations, but can also be called out in other emergencies such as when law enforcement officials are searching an area for a missing person or fire department officials are fighting a forest fire.

Hours of operation: Mon. thru Fri. 8:30-4:30, Disaster Services is available 24/7 and can be paged by emergency dispatch workers.

Population Served: Greenwood, Abbeville, McCormick counties.

Cost to Clients: Disaster assistance is free; there is a charge for Health and Safety classes

Funding Sources: Donations from the Public and corporate sources, and fundraising.

Intern Job Description: Provide assistance to the disaster clients by providing them with funds to purchase food, clothing, shoes, placing them in a hotel if necessary, doing paperwork to obtain funds for the first month's rent if home was destroyed, and giving referrals to other agencies for additional help. I also assist people who walk in the office in any way that I can. I sometimes help our volunteer coordinator to contact people when we are setting up an event, I also work as staff at some of the events. I do Data input of H&S classes and also contact people to set up the classes, handle donations and payments for H&S sales, classes and invoices.

Special Requirements for student Interns: ability to type and fill out handwritten paperwork, interviewing skills, ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds, willingness to help, interest in community affairs, and the ability to be a good steward of donated dollars.

Sled Checks: None

Immunizations:None

