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Description of Internship

- Coordination of all aspects of a community based Suicide Prevention Training Program. “Question Persuade and Refer (QPR)”. Gatekeeper training helps community members learn how to respond when they think someone is contemplating suicide. This position assists the Suicide Prevention Coalition by scheduling trainings, supporting the volunteer trainers so trainings can happen and marketing these trainings to the general community as well as specific targeted groups. This position serves as part of a match for a state grant to pay for the training of trainers, participant take home materials and publicity. This position is in the Yamhill County Commission on Children and Families.
Commission on Children and Families

● Vision
  ● In Yamhill County, we envision a community where children and families are safe, strong and supported.

● Mission
  ● The Yamhill County Commission on Children and Families promotes wellness of children and families by facilitating access to needed supports;
  ● stimulating community mobilization; and
  ● organizing a plan to improve positive outcomes.

● Guiding Principles
  ● To recognize that family is the most important resource when it comes to serving children
  ● To be inclusive and culturally diverse
  ● To monitor and evaluate all we do
  ● To be responsive and innovative
  ● To be prevention focused and strength based
  ● To be community driven/based
  ● To model inclusive decision making
  ● To strengthen partnerships and seek collaborations
  ● To utilize natural circles of influence of members and staff
Suicide Prevention Coalition

- Community members working towards suicide prevention and awareness

- Programs:
  - QPR Question Persuade and Refer
  - ASIST Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
Where I Fit In

Policy Development
Shaping Policy & Law

Community Mobilization
Organizing Change

QPR Gatekeeper Trainings

Service Delivery Improvements
Ensuring Quality & Accountability

System Development
Bringing Services Together

Suicide Prevention Coalition
My Internship

- Garrett Lee Smith Grant
  - Grant objectives and expectations
  - QPR Goal: 3 trainings/year
- Three QPR trainings
  - April 8th Community QPR at the Presbyterian Church in Mac
  - May 6th QPR for Education and Psych majors Linfield College
  - May 13th Community QPR at Newberg Christian Church
Marketing

- Methods: E-mail, newspaper, fliers, Facebook
- Examples of Fliers
  - April 8th Community QPR
  - May 6th Linfield QPR
  - May 13th Community QPR
The GLS grant requires surveys to be filled out by participants following each training. After each training I compiled the data from the surveys so that we could use the information to make improvements on the program.

- April 8th QPR survey compilation
- May 6th QPR survey compilation
- May 13th QPR survey compilation
Projects other than QPR

- Suicide Prevention Coalition
  - Public Awareness
    - Real High School Musical (helped create survey)
    - Resource fair (set up and sat at booth)
- Reading for All
  - Sorting books
  - Delivering boxes for book drive
  - Helping out at events and assisting in finding volunteers
IDST 387 Interdisciplinary Internship

- Three reflections: beginning, middle, end
  - Reflection 1
  - Reflection 2
  - Reflection 3
- Presentation
  - First Fed Powerpoint Presentation
- Final Reflection
  - Overall Reflection
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