

46. Internship Assignment #1: “Mission, History, Issues”

To succeed in your internship, you will want to learn as much as you can about your internship site. To complete this assignment, you will need to utilize printed and human resources at your internship site. I encourage you to also use this assignment to get to know people at your internship site. Try to talk to a variety of staff members, contacts in the community, clients or constituents, board members, etc. Past students have found it useful to set-up brief time periods to meet with your new colleagues (examples: lunch or coffee, or a formal meeting with your supervisor).

Write a critical reflection paper including the following:

1. What is the mission of the organization? Does your organization have a mission statement? Is the mission statement consistent with the issue(s) the organization is trying to address? What is the organization trying to change in the world? What will be different in the world if the organization succeeds?
2. What is the history of the organization? How has the organization changed over time? How is this history reflected in the organization's work?
3. How does the organization try to make social change? What strategies does the organization employ?
4. How does your work this semester fit into the organization's mission and history?

Please address all the questions above. If you hit roadblocks, reflect on why staff at your organization may be unaware of or unable to share this information. Type your paper in 12-point font, double-spaced. 4-6 pages should suffice.