Practicum Opportunity Site  
Johns Hopkins School of Public Health  

Name of Organization/Agency:  
Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities  

Purpose or Mission of Organization/Agency:  
Our mission is to:  

- improve the quality of life of our citizens by providing options and resources to older adults and adults with disabilities to enable them to live independent and meaningful lives  
- empower navigation of nutrition, transportation, education, socialization, affordable housing, and other supportive services that meet individualized needs  
- coordinate long-term care support to promote a healthy independent life in the community  
- streamline human services support through a single point of access  
- enrich the lives of active older adults through programs offered through senior activity centers  
- ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and  
- advocate and protect individual rights that are self-directed  

Practicum Title:  
Needs Assessment of Older Adults, People with Disabilities, Caregivers and Anyone Interested in Planning for Their Future  

Brief Practicum Description & Proposed Approach:  
Every 4 years the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging is required to send an Area Plan on Aging to the state. While we do have data on the clients we already serve we would like to conduct a formal needs assessment in order to more thoroughly and systematically document the needs of older adults, people with disabilities and family caregivers in our county.  

Practicum Goals:  
The goals for Fall 2018 are to:  

- complete the background research and prepare a written summary with graphs  
- assist Department staff with developing questions and sampling strategy  

If two students are working on this project in the Fall the duties can be split up based on their preferences.  

For Spring: analyze the data and prepare a written report.  

Examples of work the intern could accomplish during the placement:  
This needs assessment project will take place between Fall 2018 and Summer 2019 and much of the work can be done remotely. The student(s) will be responsible for conducting background research to gather existing data related to older
adults, people with disabilities and caregivers, as well as assisting the Department of Aging and Disabilities with developing questions for surveys/interviews/focus groups, creating and implementing a strategy to ensure we are including all demographic groups. The student(s) may also assist with some data collection, and will analyze the data and prepare a final report.

**Practice Activities:**
- Administer Survey
- Analyze Data (Primary or Secondary)
- Assist with Planning
- Attend and Participate in Inter and/or Intra Agency Meetings
- Develop Survey
- Review Literature
- Write Report

**Skills needed by the student to complete the practicum:**
The students who will be involved in the data analysis in Spring 2019 will need access to and proficiency with statistical software. The remainder of the project requires excellent research and writing skills, as well as ability to work independently and collaborate with staff. Experience developing and conducting needs assessments is preferred.

**Number of students requested for this practicum:**
2

**Anticipated time commitment needed for one student (hours per week):**
10

**Anticipated Total Practicum Hours:**
200

**Expected START DATE for practicum:**
9/17/2018

**Expected END DATE for practicum:**
5/1/2019

**Location and Travel**

**Practicum Area:**
- Street: 7320 Ritchie Hwy.
- City: Glen Burnie
- State: 
- Zip: 21061
- Country: UNITED STATES

**Primary Location:**
Remote Work Acceptable

**Routes that can be used to access the organization:**

**Compensation:**
No

**Additional details from preceptor:**
Application Procedure:
Please send cover letter and resume to Sarah Stein at agstei59@aacounty.org

Organization URL:

Deadline to submit application materials:
Application will remain open until filled. Note: You may want to check the status of the project with the preceptor before submitting your application materials.