

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University



Covenant House

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Transportation	Approximate Travel Time by Car: 20 Minutes
Clearances Required	Criminal Background, Child Abuse History, FBI Fingerprinting, Minors on Campus Training Video, TB Test -- Within the year

Description of Agency/Activities: Covenant House Pennsylvania serves homeless, runaway and street youth by providing outreach, basic need services (physical safety, food, clothing, laundry, shower facility), case management and counseling services to youth under 21. As stated through Covenant House's mission, staff "Covenant House recognizes God's providence and fidelity to His people are dedicated to living out His covenant among ourselves and those children we serve with absolute respect and unconditional love. That commitment calls us to protect and safeguard all children..."

Student Role in Agency:

For several years, service-learners have facilitated with staff guidance Café Armat. Café Armat is an open mic evening where youth can read poetry, spoken word, etc. Service time will mostly be comprised of Café Armat but students will begin service by spending time with the youth during dinner and conversations

Orientation / Requirements:

An orientation will be provided the first week of service. SJU and Covenant House 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.