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Developing Future Leaders
The Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice

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The Community Site

The mission of the Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice is to promote health, nonviolence and social justice through trauma-informed practice, research, professional development, and advocacy for policy change.

The cornerstone program of the Center is the Healing Hurt People Program, a trauma informed violence intervention program that serves victims of violence at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children and Hahnemann Hospital. Through the direct service work of Healing Hurt People and the advocacy and policy change upheld by the center, the Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice promotes the creation of trauma informed services that support the healing of individuals and communities.

Project Summary

The BTG intern developed a curriculum to foster professional development, trauma informed peer education, and advocacy in clients that are ready to graduate from the Healing Hurt People program.

This curriculum will be used to enrich the current services offered, and support the professional growth of HHP clients so that they are prepared to be advocates for trauma informed practice in their communities.

• Worked directly with young adults being served by the program to gain an understanding of the tools that they need to be successful in professional settings and to become leaders in their communities
• Piloted lesson plans on Healing Hurt People clients
• Made adjustments to the curriculum according to client needs

While this work is challenging, I am also continuously inspired by the resiliency of the young people Healing Hurt People serves. Despite the trauma and adversity that many of the youth have experienced throughout their lives, they have the incredible capacity to heal and desire to support the healing of others. I am confident that these young people are capable of being leaders in their communities and advocates for trauma informed care.” Leigh Jamison

Personal Statement

“This summer, I learned about the careful planning and attention to details that is required to develop a program that meets community needs. I was challenged to think of creative ways to foster professionalism and leadership skills in the young adults I was working with.