The Massachusetts Rural Domestic and Sexual Violence Project (MRDSVP) is looking for a student intern for the academic school year (or semester) to assist in the planning and implementation of community engagement initiatives that address issues related to preventing intimate partner and sexual violence in rural Massachusetts. The MRDSVP is a federally funded program that partners with community based agencies to provide services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in 79 communities in Massachusetts and offers comprehensive violence prevention education and training to providers and the public in order to raise awareness and effectively respond to these issues in these communities.

The Internship available would assist the Project in the planning and implementation of community based initiatives, including:

1. **The Economic Security for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence Initiative**
is designed to identify and develop strategies to build economic resources for survivors in rural communities of Massachusetts. Responsibilities include assisting with the Economic Security for Survivors website development and maintenance, assisting with the development and implementation of a series of five webinar presentations on issues of economic security for survivors, conducting research and literature review on national programs and best practices for working with survivors of domestic and sexual violence on economic security issues, assisting with meeting preparation and reports for the Economic Security Taskforce.

2. **The Men’s Engagement Initiative** is designed to engage men and boys in addressing domestic and sexual violence in rural Massachusetts and develop meaningful strategies to promote healthy, respectful relationships. Responsibilities include assisting in organizing community conversations/workshops with adult male leaders and community stakeholders which promote strategies to respond effectively to interpersonal violence in their communities and participating in the planning of the annual White Ribbon Campaign.

3. **Supporting overall data entry and maintenance for Project activities.**

Ideal candidates should have strong communication, research, and organizational skills, ability to write clearly and concisely, and proficiency in Microsoft Office. Familiarity with web-based technology preferred. Knowledge/experience in sexual assault and/or domestic violence prevention education and/or social justice education and community organizing preferred.

The internship/practicum will be based at the Western Regional Health Office of the MA Dept. of Public Health beginning September 2015 for approximately 10-12 hours per week (negotiable.) Some regional travel may be expected with an opportunity to participate in
regional and statewide domestic and sexual violence prevention meetings and events with other community public health programs. DPH will provide supervision. This internship would be an excellent opportunity for someone interested in health policy and community health education.

To apply, please send a resume and letter of interest to: Barbara Russell, MA Dept. of Public Health, Program Coordinator, Massachusetts Rural Domestic and Sexual Violence Project by email: Barbara.Russell@state.ma.us or fax to 413-784-1037.

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