

WAGE Center Partners with SUNY

The WAGE Center has partnered with the State University of New York University at Albany School of Social Welfare as a field location for Generalist Field Instruction. Since September, 2016, three Master of Social Work student interns have spent two full days each week learning the basics of case management. This has been accomplished through interaction with drop-in employment seekers, working side-by-side with case managers in Project Based Voucher and Family Self-Sufficiency programs and other WAGE Center visitors.

These interactions focus on removing barriers to employment, housing and personal development through a holistic approach. Often, case management clients become employment seekers, students in educational programming and participants in various groups and workshops, in which Social Work Interns are also involved.



The Social Work Interns have created a Women's Group focusing on empowerment, and self-esteem building with the guidance of WAGE Center staff and their SUNY Albany Field Instructor. This eight week program encourages participants to consider healthy lifestyle choices, examine perceptions of themselves and others and developing empowerment tactics to approach life challenges. Women engage in conversations about these topics with peers and group leaders and describe how applying discussed positive choices impact their lives.



Wage Center Interns are also invited to take part in all staff development, outreach, and community meetings attended and/or sponsored by the WAGE Center. They are encouraged to engage with other providers to assist in providing case management resources across the spectrum, so that participants are able to remove barriers and respond to challenges as they pursue positive outcomes.