Masters in Social Work (MSW) Field Placements

- Graduate students in social work are placed in supervised internships with Contra Costa County schools, and local-area social service agencies serving Richmond residents.
- 30 students placed in 16 unique agency sites/settings in 2014-15 – sample list:
  
  Bay Area Community Resources  
  Bay Area Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
  Contra Costa County Behavioral Health-West  
  County Adult Mental Health  
  Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Dept.  
  El Cerrito High School James Morehouse Project  
  Familias Unidas  
  Kaiser Permanente Department of Psychiatry, Richmond  
  West County Children’s Mental Health  
  Y-Team

- **Total 2014-15 service hours = 19,040**

Undergraduate Student Service Learning Volunteers in Nonprofits

- Students in the course SOC WEL 107-Foundations, Philanthropy, and the Social Services: Grant Writing for Program Development are required to volunteer in a nonprofit as part of their course work. Every semester at least three and sometimes five volunteer at nonprofits in Richmond, including Casa Latina, RYSE, GRIP Homeless Outreach.
- Student volunteers provide fundraising support by conducting foundation research to match desired projects with potential funders.
- Much of the time, students are already volunteering at the placement – examples: a tutor at RYSE, a counsellor at the Latina Center, an administrative volunteer at GRIP.

Workforce Development Training: Post-Graduate Credential Program in School Social Work

Berkeley Social Welfare, in partnership with the Graduate School of Education, offers a post-graduate program leading to eligibility for the Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC) issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The credential is required for social work practice in K-12 public schools in California. Local-area school district employees may complete required social work courses offered by Berkeley Social Welfare in Summer Sessions.

Engaged Scholarship

- Professor Valerie Shapiro has entered into a collaboration to be the research partner of Dovetail Learning, which delivers the Toolbox Project curriculum currently in use in Richmond schools.
- Professor Jill Berrick’s research portfolio includes a current project focused on Contra Costa County and involving foster parents in Richmond.