

## **THE FACULTY FIELD LIAISON ROLE**

- Liaisons serve as the primary link between student field placements and the social work department. Their role is to support and guide the student and field instructor through the field experience for the duration of the academic year.
- Liaisons facilitate regular field seminars throughout each semester. Field seminars are limited to a small group of students enrolled in the same year of the academic program. Seminars are designed to give students a chance to utilize group consultation skills by sifting through the complexities of field learning together with their field liaison. Their field liaison is responsible for noticing the emerging practice themes from the group's discussion. The liaison then provides teaching related to those themes as they organically take their place in the circle.
- Liaisons provide their support by phone, email, and through regularly scheduled field site visits. These are schedule approximately three times each academic year. Additional agency visits are encouraged and should occur any time a problem, conflict or request arises in the field.
- Liaisons provide feedback and ultimately approve the learning agreement created by the student and field instructor.
- Liaisons review the assigned student process records and provide written feedback in addition to what the field instructor provides.
- Liaisons make grade recommendations to the field education coordinator.