

SUPPORTING FIELD INSTRUCTORS

The Department of Social Work very much values the work that our Field Instructors participate in each year. Without the help of practitioners in the community, our students' academic experience would be missing the vital experience of working in real agencies and organizations. We are very grateful to have social workers orienting our students to the profession of social work.

We support the work of Field Instructors in the following ways:

- We provide faculty field liaisons who will meet with students and Field Instructors twice a semester (more if needed) to support the overall learning experience. Liaisons are available to consult about field assignments, think creatively through difficult situations, and celebrate successes.
- The Department offers a minimum of three seminars a year, designed specifically for the professional development of field Instructors. CEU's are available at the end of these seminars.
- UVM recognizes the invaluable assistance provided by Field Instructors and their dedication to field education as preparation of the next generation of social workers. At present, UVM and the Department of Social Work offer to the Field Instructor (payable to the field agency) a \$600 lump-sum payment per academic year for professional field instruction service unless previous arrangements have been made with the field agency/ organization.