

1. Name, address, telephone and website of the agency.

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3. Brief outline of the role of the agency.

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federal and provincial prisoners in BC (other than appeals). We assist clients with issues that affect their liberty rights under s. 7 of the Charter (such as solitary confinement, parole matters and involuntary transfer to higher levels of security), health care and human rights.

4. Tasks/Roles of the Student:

A student placement at PLS would conduct research on the accommodation of federal prisoners in Canada who have mental health disabilities in support of a representative human rights complaint against the Correctional Service Canada (CSC). We have compiled numerous studies and reports conducted/commissioned by CSC and we need help from a student with experience in research to review these reports and identify any evidence that supports our complaint.

Time permitting, the student could also identify other studies or articles relevant to our complaint.

Our representative human rights complaint on behalf of federal prisoners with mental health disabilities includes the following issues:

- I. Lack of independence of health care staff and ~~confidential~~ confidentiality;
- II. The oversecurity classification of prisoners with mental health disabilities;
- III. Lack of treatment and therapeutic units for prisoners with mental health disabilities;

- VI. The use of solitary confinement and observation cells for prisoners with acute psychiatric symptoms and those at risk of suicide or self-harm;
- VII. Inappropriate use of force against prisoners experiencing emotional distress or those engaging in self-harm; and
- VIII. Inadequate access to personal information.

5. Any special requirements of the students:

a. shift work?

No.

b. Irregular hours?

No.