Some potential risk and safety issues to consider at Internship sites

All sites
- Hazards associated with driving a vehicle on public streets to a site
- Hazards associated with taking public transportation to a site

School sites: Public and Private
- Illnesses typically spread through the child and adolescent populations
- Hazards from physical violence, particularly from adolescents

Shelters: Homeless, substance abuse, domestic violence
- Illnesses spread through an itinerant population with little access to medical care
- Hazards associated with mentally and psychologically unstable populations

Child Care
- Illnesses typically spread through the child and adolescent populations
- Physical injuries associated with lifting children

Immigration/Immigrants
- Illnesses (some very serious) often found in foreign, third-world countries, such as tuberculosis, typhoid fever, smallpox, etc.
- Risks of working with undocumented immigrants who may not want to disclose their immigration status

Incarceration facilities
- Violent, often uncaring individuals
- Pressure to smuggle contraband into secure facilities
- Pressure to break institutional rules to benefit an inmate

Food Banks
- Hazards associated with working with the public (lack of control over the environment, assault risk)
- Illnesses spread through a population with little access to medical care
- Ergonomic hazards

Agricultural
- Hazards working with farm equipment (note: those working around machinery should be thoroughly briefed on the safe operation of the machines.)
- Confined space and engulfment hazards, particularly in the silo storage of grain and silage, and in the collection of manure in pits (includes lack of oxygen in those environments)
- Hazards of working with animals, e.g. physical injuries
• Illnesses from working with animals, i.e. zoonotic diseases
• Illnesses from vectors, e.g. West Nile from mosquitoes
• Ergonomic stressors
• Heat stress

Senior Centers
• Illnesses, possible contact with blood borne pathogens
• Injuries from physically assisting residents

Resources/referrals (front desk work, working with clients to complete paperwork, refer clients to resources to get utility bills, connect with other agencies, etc.)

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