Responsibilities:

The Urban Education Fellow will have two related roles during the 2016-17 year. He or she will have the opportunity to work on local and Statewide public education policy and children and youth issues through Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY), a dynamic advocacy organization located in Center City, Philadelphia. He or she will also be able to work in an urban public school, the Parkway Northwest High School for Peace and Social Justice, providing direct support for students as well as support for the many programs, activities, and curricular projects around the theme of the school. It is likely that during the summer months (July and August) the majority of time will be spent at PCCY, while time during the academic year will be divided among the two organizations based on their needs and the interests of the Fellow.

Organization Information:

- The High School for Peace and Social Justice at Parkway Northwest, a small Philadelphia public school with about 250 students, offers a rich, rigorous college preparatory curriculum emphasizing the theme of peace and social justice. Our students are prepared to thrive in a complex world by developing the skills necessary to do well in post high school experiences and to institute positive change locally and globally. In addition to rigorous coursework in the major subject areas, students have AP and college course options, perform community service, take a special social development and leadership course, complete a rigorous senior project around a peace or social justice issue, and have many opportunities to participate in special events and programs. In 2015, Parkway NW had a 99% graduation rate, with virtually all students accepted to two or four year colleges or post high school training programs. Over $500,000 in college scholarships, grants and awards were earned by the class of 2015.

- Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY) provides direct services to children and youth, such as health care services, organizes advocacy work with public officials, and conducts research and develops public policies designed to support children and youth and enable them to grow into healthy, able, and confident adults.

Locations:

Parkway Northwest will next year be located in its own building in the Northwest section of Philadelphia, near Stenton Avenue and Washington Lane.

Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY) is located in Center City, Philadelphia, at 1709 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia (Sixth Floor).