Practicum Summary

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Purpose of Project:

This semester I worked with the Center for Justice, in collaboration with the George Wiley Center, to document the consequences of utility termination. The main focus of my work was conducting surveys and interviews with people affected by utility termination, who spoke about its impact in other areas of their lives. In the latter half of the semester, I created a summative report to synthesize the themes that emerge from these interviews. At its core, the purpose of the project was to document the stories and amplify the voices of people who have faced or are currently facing utility termination. By highlighting these narratives, this work aims to call attention to the burden of rising energy costs that falls on low-income people and to the impact that utility termination has on their lives.

Methods:

I designed and conducted a phone survey, and conducted 5 in-person interviews.

Results, Conclusions, and Recommendations:

I produced audio recordings from my interviews and wrote a report that the Center for Justice and the George Wiley Center can both use in their advocacy for better policy.
This research shall not be published in whole or in part for any entity outside of the Brown University Administration.

**Research Title:** Towards Energy Justice in Rhode Island: The Need for Policy Change

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