SUMMER 2014 INTERNSHIPS - SOCIOLOGY

Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) (Unpaid)

CASA works with children by paring them with advocates who look after the child’s best interests when there are problems in the home. Casa operates like many not-for-profit organizations, relying on volunteer work and fundraisers. It would a good opportunity for anyone considering a career path involving making the world better for children, as you will get first hand experience in learning how these organizations operate and the obstacles they face.

How to apply:

• Send an electronic version of your resume to cshield@uark.edu

DEADLINE TO APPLY Friday, March 4, 4pm.

Washington County Juvenile Court (unpaid)

While this position is cross listed as a criminal justice internship, interns get the chance to work with juveniles and their families while they navigate the criminal justice system, providing learning and experience well-suited to Sociology Students.

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Northwest Arkansas Rape Crisis Center (unpaid)

Northwest Arkansas Rape Crisis, Inc. is a non-profit agency which focuses on the critical issues of sexual assault by assisting those affected; promoting community awareness and understanding; and serving as a catalyst for social change. The rape crisis center offers many services to the community, primarily in the areas of Victim Services and Education/Prevention. All of their services are provided free of charge, in English and Spanish. The NWA RCC serves the tri-county area of Northwest Arkansas: Benton, Madison and Washington Counties.

How to apply:

• send an electronic version of your resume to cshield@uark.edu

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UAMS Summer Research  (unpaid)

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is seeking individuals for a summer research project. Applicants will be expected complete training and must have a flexible schedule. The UAMS internship offers students the chance to learn field research techniques, a valuable skill for anyone considering graduate school. Interns will be trained to conduct surveys and interviews, and they will learn IRB and other research protocols.

Apply by contacting Dr. Shields at cshield@uark.edu by March 4, 2014, 4pm., and requesting an application.
The dream of the Cobblestone Project is to work towards “A Community Without Need.” The strategy to take these ideas and turn them into action will be approached by 1) Identifying Issues of Social Justice, 2) Connecting Needs with Willing Resources, 3) Fulfilling Needs with Sustainable Solutions. The dream or vision of the Cobblestone Project is likely considered unachievable. However, when the concepts of community are redefined to expose and frame the true needs of our neighbors, change is the only natural response.

We currently have 7 initiatives that focus on issues of need in our community. The Farm, OurStep Program, Laundry Love Project, 3 Bags in 2 Days, Help Portrait, 30 Days for Change, and Shear Kindness. Your responsibility would be to familiarize yourself with each of these initiatives, and aid in setting up an evaluation/measurement process for them.

There is also opportunity for helping in reframing and re-launching the OurStep Program. You will be working directly with the Program Coordinator, and Director to help build new programs and create structure around the current model.

Another opportunity will be to work with The Farm team. The Farm was created to use sustainable agriculture to help the under-resourced in our area. By being part of The Farm team you will be responsible for working on specific ways to advance our four pillars: Economic Development, Education, Hunger Relief, and Community.

Other duties will include:

- Creating evaluation processes
- Development of new programs within current initiatives
- Event support
- Research
- Volunteer interaction

Operations Director: Katelyn Graves
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Volunteer Coordinator

Intern Position Description

Habitat for Humanity: Through faith in action, Habitat for Humanity of Washington County partners with families and engages our community to end the cycle of poverty housing, transforming neighborhoods, and providing a path to ownership of decent, affordable housing.

Job Description: The Volunteer Coordinator will work with the Habitat for Humanity (HFH) staff to identify, recruit, orient, utilize, retain, and recognize volunteers in order to carry out the ministry of HFH.

Responsibilities:
1. Coordinate and communicate with site supervisors for construction volunteers.
   a. Must be available to work Saturday mornings as the site coordinator.
   b. Must work a minimum of 2 hours each week in the ReStore (Time can be determined based on class schedule)
2. Ensure that a process exists for obtaining feedback from volunteers and site supervisors.
3. Identify new sources of volunteers.
4. Attend committee meetings and work with various committees as needed.

Helpful Qualifications:
1. Understand the Habitat for Humanity philosophy and the desire to promote it.
2. Have good people skills and be a clear communicator.
3. Be comfortable speaking to small and larger groups of people about the HFH mission.
4. Be organized and proactive.

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Pure Charity Internship

Pure Charity is a collaborative, social, and personal giving platform built to inspire and encourage a movement of generosity where everyone can engage and make a difference. Pure Charity connects people, businesses, and nonprofit organizations to do good and scale social impact...together.

We are looking for an energetic and capable student who is passionate about working to help identify, monitor, and evaluate direct impact projects of nonprofits working on some of the world’s largest social issues.

Internship Duties:

Develop guidelines for the selection of Pure Charity Nonprofit Partners.
• Develop evaluation tools to determine the effectiveness of direct impact projects to address issues related to Pure Charity’s Cause Categories:
  - **Food** – eradicate extreme hunger and improve basic nutrition.
  - **Freedom** – end slavery/human trafficking, promote gender equality and reduce violence.
  - **Health** – provide access to basic health care, combat disease, treat those impacted by disease or injury.
  - **Opportunity** – eradicate extreme poverty, care for orphans/vulnerable and education.
  - **Water** – provide access to safe clean drinking water and basic sanitation.
  - **Relief** – respond to emergency relief efforts from natural disasters, war, and famine.
• Develop evaluation tools to monitor engagement of Pure Charity’s key consumer profiles to Pure Charity’s Cause Categories in the US and Internationally.
• Miscellaneous Research of US Nonprofits, Social Issues, and Community Engagement.
• **Requirements:**
  • Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to work independently.
  • Strong verbal and written communication skills.
  • Demonstrated ability to take initiative and manage time well; handling assigned tasks with good decision making skills.
  • Ability to use good judgment and discretion when handling sensitive information.
  • Candidates with experience working with nonprofit organizations, fundraising, or with demonstrated leadership in mobilizing others to engage in social causes will be highly favorable.
  • Degree Program in Sociology, Social Service, or Marketing.

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Northwest Arkansas Women’s Shelter
Job Description – Outreach Advocate Intern

Job Title: Outreach Advocate Intern
Direct Supervisor: Primary Advocate(s)
Program Supervisor: Director of Outreach
Compensation: Unpaid

Time Commitment: Minimum of 180 hours total over the course of a single term; preferred regular schedule with a minimum of 12 hours per week.

Qualifications:
• Desire to learn and cultivate a knowledge base regarding crisis response and support services.
• Able to provide advocacy and compassionate support to victims of domestic violence.
• Able to communicate effectively with staff, clients, and community donors through a variety of mediums.
• Able to utilize computer programs independently and with proficiency.
• Able to work independently and exercise personal autonomy.
• Able to present self professionally and demonstrate customer service skills.
• Currently enrolled in higher education academic program. Junior Status or higher (exceptions for interested sophomores made in exceptional cases).
• No prior felony convictions. Background checks will be conducted.

Job Description:
The Outreach Advocate Intern works specifically with out of house clients. Sometimes clients who leave shelter need additional advocacy and assistance in his/her transition and for other cases, clients may have a safe place to stay, but need assistance in other areas of recovery. This is where the role of the Outreach Advocate Intern comes in. The individual in this role is responsible for internalizing the NWAWS mission, facilitating advocacy and basic support services to victims of domestic violence in the community.

• Provide support and basis advocacy for victims of domestic violence in shelter and via crisis hotline.
• Document interactions with victims of domestic violence as set forth by agency policy.
• Provide transportation for victims of domestic violence to appointments in the community.
• Secure needed goods and services for victims of domestic violence in the community.
• Assist in maintenance of federal grant records for transportation logs and volunteer hours.
• Work with community resources and other nonprofits to assist clients in the transition from the shelter support into the community.
• Communicate with Advocates and Advocate Interns about clients who may need to transition to outreach status.
• Attend meetings and trainings with other interns and staff members
• Data entry of client records and information
• All other duties as assigned.

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Northwest Arkansas Women’s Shelter
Job Description – Community Outreach Intern

Job Title: Community Outreach Intern
Direct Supervisor: Director of Outreach
Compensation: Unpaid
Time Commitment: Minimum of 180 hours total over the course of a single term; preferred regular schedule with a minimum of 12 hours per week.

Qualifications:
- Desire to cultivate a knowledge base regarding crisis response, support services, and community outreach.
- Able to speak publicly in front of a variety of crowds (in size and demographics).
- Interest in management, public relations, and nonprofit development.
- Able to communicate effectively with staff and clients in shelter.
- Able to utilize computer programs independently and with proficiency.
- Able to work independently and exercise personal autonomy.
- Able to present self professionally and demonstrate good communication skills.
- Currently enrolled in higher education academic program. Junior Status or higher (exceptions for interested sophomores made in exceptional cases).
- No prior felony convictions. Background checks will be conducted.

Job Description:
The Community Outreach Intern is responsible for representing the NWA Women’s Shelter in the greater Northwest Arkansas Community and for spreading awareness of the needs of the Women’s Shelter as well as our services and accomplishments.
- Represent NWAWS at community booths and speaking engagements
- Assist in the recruitment, training, and file upkeep of volunteers
- Communicate with the thrift store staff on volunteer needs and the needs in the shelter
- Support community outreach events by setting up and tearing down events, photo documenting events, and directing volunteers and staff to work stations.
- Assist with NWAWS web presence through social media and the NWAWS website
- Secure needed goods and services for victims of domestic violence in shelter.
- Pick up, transport, and organize in-kind donations.
- Solicit in-kind donations from local and national businesses and community members.
- Enter financial and in-kind donor information into the donor data base.
- Assist in maintenance of federal grant records for transportation logs and volunteer hours.
- All other duties as assigned.

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Northwest Arkansas Women’s Shelter
Job Description – Children’s Advocate Intern

Job Title: Children’s Advocate Intern
Direct Supervisor: Children’s Advocate
Program Supervisor: Director of Outreach
Compensation: Unpaid
Time Commitment: Minimum of 180 hours total over the course of a single term; preferred regular schedule with a minimum of 12 hours per week.

Qualifications:
- Desire to learn and cultivate a knowledge base regarding crisis response and support services.
- Able to provide advocacy and compassionate support to victims of domestic violence.
- Interest in working with children in a crisis/trauma situation
- Able to communicate effectively with staff, clients, and community donors through a variety of mediums.
- Able to utilize computer programs independently and with proficiency.
- Able to work independently and exercise personal autonomy.
- Able to present self professionally and demonstrate good communication skills.
- Currently enrolled in higher education academic program. Junior Status or higher (exceptions for interested sophomores made in exceptional cases).
- No prior felony convictions. Background checks will be conducted.

Job Description:
Overall, the Children’s Advocate Intern is responsible for internalizing the NWAWS mission and modeling healthy relationships to the children in the shelter and the community, facilitating advocacy and basic support services to the children in shelter and via the crisis hotline, and fostering a supportive and safe environment for all clients and children currently living in shelter as a result of domestic violence.

- Work specifically with the children in care at the Women’s Shelter
- Provide support and basic advocacy for victims of domestic violence in shelter and via crisis hotline.
- Participate and coordinate ‘Kids Camp’ or other similar children’s events
- Document interactions with clients and children as set forth by agency policy.
- Secure needed goods and services for victims of domestic violence in shelter.
- Assist in maintenance of federal grant records for transportation logs and volunteer hours.
- Work with community resources and other nonprofits to assist clients in the transition from the shelter into the community as it pertains to their children.
- Attend meetings and trainings with other interns and staff members
- Data entry of client records and information
- All other duties as assigned.

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Northwest Arkansas Women’s Shelter
Job Description – Advocate Intern

Job Title: Advocate Intern
Direct Supervisor: Primary Advocate(s)
Program Supervisor: Director of Outreach
Compensation: Unpaid

Time Commitment: Minimum of 180 hours total over the course of a single term; preferred regular schedule with a minimum of 12 hours per week.

Qualifications:
- Desire to learn and cultivate a knowledge base regarding crisis response and support services.
- Able to provide advocacy and compassionate support to victims of domestic violence.
- Able to communicate effectively with staff, clients, and community donors through a variety of mediums.
- Able to utilize computer programs independently and with proficiency.
- Able to work independently and exercise personal autonomy.
- Able to present self professionally and demonstrate customer service skills.
- Currently enrolled in higher education academic program. Junior Status or higher (exceptions for interested sophomores made in exceptional cases).
- No prior felony convictions. Background checks will be conducted.

Job Description:
Overall, the Advocate Intern is responsible for internalizing the NWAWS mission and modeling healthy relationships to residents in the shelter and the community, facilitating advocacy and basic support services to victims of domestic violence in shelter and via the crisis hotline, and fostering a supportive and safe environment for all clients and children currently living in shelter as a result of domestic violence.
- Provide support and basic advocacy for victims of domestic violence in shelter and via crisis hotline.
- Document interactions with victims of domestic violence as set forth by agency policy.
- Provide transportation for victims of domestic violence to appointments in the community.
- Secure needed goods and services for victims of domestic violence in shelter.
- Assist in maintenance of federal grant records for transportation logs and volunteer hours.
- Work with community resources and other nonprofits to assist clients in the transition from the shelter into the community.
- Attend meetings and trainings with other interns and staff members
- Data entry of client records and information
- All other duties as assigned.

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Youth Bridge is Northwest Arkansas’ leading provider of comprehensive care to troubled teens and their families. We provide outpatient therapy and counseling, residential substance abuse treatment, emergency shelters, academic and social support, a therapeutic group home for teens involved in the juvenile justice system and a transitional living program for homeless young adults. Each year Youth Bridge serves more than a thousand teens and their families from an eight-county area in Northwest and North Central Arkansas.

By providing one-on-one professional attention, Youth Bridge is giving area young people the confidence, education and interpersonal skills that they need to face today’s problems and tomorrow’s challenges.

We are seeking two interns to help with day-to-day tasks. One intern will be working in our out patient office, which is housed inside the non-profit center on W. Walnut in Rogers. The second intern will be working with the clinical and shelter team at our Centerton Emergency Shelter in Centerton, AR.

Intern duties at our Rogers out patient facility may include assisting supervisor in reports, productivity research, and other supervisory style meetings/assignments.

Intern duties at our Centerton Emergency Shelter may include assist a Mental Health Professional and/or Mental Health Paraprofessional in paperwork, making phone calls, and possibly sit it on some therapy sessions and interventions and assist with group meetings/ projects. There may be some court interaction.

HOW TO APPLY:

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Outreach Assistant
Intern Position Description

7hills Homeless Center: Through dozens of non-profit and governmental partnerships and with significant community support, 7hills fights homelessness and poverty with education, opportunities, and hope.

Program Description: The Outreach Assistant will work with the 7hills staff in a mobile outreach program for the homeless called MO7. MO7 provides assistance to clients in seven primary areas: food, clothing, connection to community resources, housing stabilization, financial management skills, connection to healthcare, and life skills training. MO7 offers services throughout Benton and Washington counties on three principle tracks: (1) identifying and providing services to unsheltered individuals/families, (2) identifying and providing services to individuals/families that are “doubled-up” and unstably housed, (3) providing follow-up services to clients who have graduated or transitioned out of 7hills programs.

Position Responsibilities:

1. Coordinate and communicate with Outreach Director and other 7hills staff.
2. Assist Outreach Director in obtaining, training, coordinating, and tracking volunteers for MO7.
3. Assist Outreach Director in securing resources in the areas of: food, clothing, connection to community resources, housing stabilization, financial management skills, connection to healthcare, and life skills training to ensure that all 7hills programs remain properly resourced.
4. Assist Outreach Director developing and maintaining community partnerships with other non-profits and governmental entities to benefit clients served in MO7.
5. Attend program meetings and work on various 7hills projects as needed.

Helpful Qualifications:

1. Understand 7hills’ philosophy and the desire to promote it.
2. Have strong people skills and be a clear communicator with varied types of people; interactions may range from assisting an unsheltered family to serving a single man who has been laid off from a six-figure job.
3. Be organized and proactive.
4. Have strong writing and reasoning skills.
5. Have a willingness to learn the issues faced by low-income populations.
6. Have a willingness to be flexible with scheduling, daily responsibilities, and workflow. The day’s priorities will vary widely, depending on client need and program location.

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