

Children's Department Internship

We are seeking a compassionate and energetic Intern to join our team and provide top-notch care and emotional support to children in our shelter. This role is perfect for students who have a passion for working with young children and are committed to creating a safe, welcoming and nurturing environment where children and families can heal and thrive. As an intern, you will play a crucial role in supporting the daily activities of our shelter, including supervising children, facilitating play and learning activities and ensuring the safety and well-being of all children.

Key Responsibilities:

- Supervise children during daily activities, ensuring their safety and promoting positive behaviors.
- Assist in the planning and implementation of a comprehensive children's program that fosters children's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development.
- Engage children in a variety of activities that encourage learning and development, including arts and crafts, story time and outdoor play.
- Help maintain a clean and organized trauma-informed environment that meets health and safety standards.
- Provide assistance with daily routines.
- Observe children's interactions and progress, reporting any concerns or developmental milestones to the children's advocate or children's activity aide.
- Collaborate with other children's department staff, interns, and volunteers to create a supportive and nurturing environment for all children and families.

Qualifications:

- Enrollment in a high school or college program with coursework in Early Childhood Education or a related field.
- Experience working with children in a daycare, preschool or similar setting preferred.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to engage children in learning activities.
- Patience, creativity and a genuine love for working with young children.
- Ability to work as part of a team and follow instructions from supervisors.
- Ability to pass background checks and adhere to strict policies regarding confidentiality of clients and children.