

Summer 2017 Public Policy Internship CHILDREN AT RISK – Houston

CHILDREN AT RISK is currently seeking candidates to fill Internship positions working as part of its widely recognized Public Policy and Law Center (PPLC) in the field of research, public policy analysis and advocacy. The selected candidates will have the opportunity to learn from a dedicated and creative group of attorneys and public policy analysts. The PPLC has been tremendously successful in passing legislation in the areas of human trafficking, juvenile justice, health and nutrition, public education, and parent support.

Founded in 1989, CHILDREN AT RISK is an active research and advocacy group dedicated to improving the quality of life of Texas' children. We are the leading source of accurate information on children's issues and an advocate and catalyst for change concerning the needs of all children in Texas.

Responsibilities/Potential Projects

Specific responsibilities will be dependent upon each candidate's skills, career goals, interests and CHILDREN AT RISK's priorities. CHILDREN AT RISK expects that this internship will be used as a career development tool for the selected candidates and hopes to maximize the selected individual's internship experience.

We are seeking dedicated and focused candidates that possess excellent research and writing skills to assist in advocacy efforts in the following areas: education, food insecurity, juvenile justice, human trafficking, and health and nutrition.

Other potential projects include:

- Research and analysis of key children's issues for various publications and events;
- Writing/producing educational materials;
- Participating in community coalitions and collaborations;
- Meetings with State Representatives, State Senators, and other elite public officials;
- Planning and publicizing special events, such as policy luncheons;
- Other strategies, projects and ideas as developed by our selected intern to fit his/her interests.

Preferred qualifications

We are in search of dedicated individuals to be key members of our team. A sense of humor and a passion for social justice issues, along with the belief that education and advocacy on children's issues are essential for societal improvement are strong plusses.

All candidates must be professional, with good written and verbal communication skills. Candidates should have a strong work ethic, positive attitude and work well individually and in a team oriented environment. Preference will be given to students pursuing a Public Policy or related degree, but others will be considered. Benefits include a fun and engaging office atmosphere, recognition for tangible products that will benefit the organization beyond the fall, and the ability to truly have an impact on public policy.

Application Instructions: Our positions are competitive and fill quickly. Interested candidates should submit a resume and a brief letter of interest, along with three references and a writing sample to Mandi Kimball at mkimball@childrenatrisk.org. The deadline to submit applications for

the fall position is September 15, 2017. For more information on CHILDREN AT RISK please visit www.childrenatrisk.org.

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