

## Research and Policy Internship, for Health and Nutrition

CHILDREN AT RISK is currently seeking candidates to fill an unpaid, part-time internship position working as part of its Health and Nutrition team. The selected candidate will have the opportunity to learn from a dedicated and creative group of researchers and program analysts. Founded in 1989, CHILDREN AT RISK is an active research and advocacy group dedicated to improving the quality of life of Texas' children in the areas of public education, children's health and food insecurity, parenting, and human trafficking. 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 each intern's experience.

### Potential projects include:

- Assist with data analysis and collection around school meal participation;
- Assist with school district outreach around meal service with a goal of increasing participation;
- Identify best practices around school health and wellness policies and programs;
- Use school data to produce outreach materials and resources;
- Use data and research findings to compile educational materials on key children's issues; and
- Support the Health and Nutrition team with special projects as necessary.

### Preferred qualifications

We are in search of dedicated individuals to be key members of our team. 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 pluses. Strong candidates will meet the following qualifications:

- Available to work up to 20 hours per week at the CHILDREN AT RISK office, fulfilling the hour requirement during 9:00am to 5:00pm office hours;
- Strong communication skills;
- Possess a demonstrated interest in data analysis and project , as well as experience working with Microsoft Excel and large data sets;
- Possess a passion for children's issues, including public education, parenting, child health, and human trafficking; and
- Demonstrate professionalism, a strong work ethic, positive attitude, and good written and verbal communication skills.

Benefits include a fun and engaging office atmosphere, recognition for tangible products that will benefit the organization beyond the spring, and the ability to truly have an impact on public policy. College credit for the internship is often available.

**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 Katie McConnell at [kmconnell@childrenatrisk.org](mailto:kmconnell@childrenatrisk.org). Please include "Health and Nutrition Internship" in the subject line. For more information on CHILDREN AT RISK please visit [www.childrenatrisk.org](http://www.childrenatrisk.org).