

**CHILDREN AT RISK – Houston**  
**Fall 2019 Early Childhood Education Internship**

CHILDREN AT RISK is currently seeking candidates to fill Fall 2019 internship positions in the Early Childhood Education team, working in the field of research, data analysis, and policy. The selected candidates will have the opportunity to learn from a dedicated and creative group of researchers and analysts who work strategically to draw and use impactful insights in early childhood to influence policy and practice.

Founded in 1989, CHILDREN AT RISK is a research and advocacy group dedicated to improving the quality of life of Texas' children in the areas of physical and mental health, education, human trafficking, basic needs and juvenile justice reform. We are a leading source of information on children's issues and an advocate and catalyst for change concerning the needs of all children in Texas.

**Responsibilities:**

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 data analysis skills to assist in advocacy efforts across our issue areas, with a special emphasis on public education and child health.

**Potential projects include:**

- **Early Childhood Workforce Research:** Identify best practices and policy solutions of how to develop a strong, educated, well-paid ECE workforce.
- **Policy Analysis & Advocacy:** Monitor implementation of recently passed policy and identify missed opportunities and potential interim charges. Mobilize community partners across the state to advocate for early childhood education best practices.
- **Report Dissemination:** Develop and execute dissemination plans for special reports to educate and support the work of advocates across the state.
- Other qualitative and quantitative research in the areas of early childhood education quality, workforce development, innovative practices, etc.
- Support the early childhood education team with special projects, including event coordination, as necessary.

**Preferred qualifications**

We are in search of dedicated individuals to be key members of our team. Demonstrated interest in research and policy analysis is strongly preferred. 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 pluses.

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.

Benefits include a fun and engaging office atmosphere, recognition for tangible products that will benefit the organization beyond the spring, and the ability to have an impact on Texas children.

**Application Instructions:** Our positions are competitive and fill quickly. Interested candidates should submit a resume, a brief letter of interest, and a writing sample to Shay Everitt at [severitt@childrenatrisk.org](mailto:severitt@childrenatrisk.org). The deadline to submit applications for the position is August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. For information on CHILDREN AT RISK and our work on Early Childhood Education Initiatives please visit [www.childrenatrisk.org](http://www.childrenatrisk.org).

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