

**CHILDREN AT RISK – Houston**  
**Spring and Summer 2021 Center for Parenting & Family Well-Being Internship**

CHILDREN AT RISK is currently seeking candidates to fill internship positions in the Center for Parenting & Family Well-Being, working across issue areas to understand CHILDREN AT RISK's impact for parents and families. The selected candidates will have the opportunity to learn from a dedicated and collaborative group of policy experts who work strategically to use their knowledge and ongoing research concerning parenting to influence policy decisions.

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 communication and collaboration skills to assist in advocacy efforts across our issue areas, with a special emphasis on parenting best-practices and understanding the needs of families in Texas.

**Potential projects include:**

- **Best Practices Research:** Identifying best practices of schools and communities with high populations of economically disadvantaged students and high Latino populations that are achieving success in the realm of family engagement.
- **Gold Ribbon Schools:** Analyzing, studying trends and creating communications (blogs, white papers, etc.) so families can understand what makes a great school.
- **Family Engagement Consulting Project:** Study and build tools to support the Family Engagement Consulting project that focuses on ISD's, individual schools and the concerns of parent groups.

**Preferred qualifications**

We are in search of dedicated individuals to be key members of our team. Demonstrated interest in family well-being strongly preferred, as well as a working knowledge of Excel, Monday.com and other Office solutions. 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.

Benefits include a fun and engaging office atmosphere, recognition for tangible products that will benefit the organization beyond the summer, 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 Anna Hardway at [ahardway@childrenatrisk.org](mailto:ahardway@childrenatrisk.org). The deadline to submit applications for Spring is December 15<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> for Summer. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. For information on CHILDREN AT RISK and the Center for Parenting & Family Well-Being (CPFWB) please visit [www.childrenatrisk.org](http://www.childrenatrisk.org).

CHILDREN AT RISK is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, religion, ancestry, color, race, ethnicity or creed. Remote options are available. Preference will be given to first generation college students.