

## Summer 2021 BIPOC Internship - PAID CHILDREN AT RISK -Texas

CHILDREN AT RISK is currently seeking candidates to fill 3 summer internship positions. This opportunity is open to applicants who self-identify as members of a historically underrepresented group in nonprofit research and advocacy, including Black, African American, Hispanic, Asian, Latinx, and/or part of Indigenous groups in North America and are the first generation in their families to attend college. The internship will last 10 weeks and there is a \$5000 stipend for each position.

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 about issues facing children and families in Texas and to influence policy decisions.

Candidates can apply as Generalists or to specific centers of study and advocacy, including:

- K-12 Education and Early Childhood Education
- Center for New American Children (Immigration)
- Center for Social Measurement and Evaluation (Data Analysis)
- Public Policy and Law Center (Legislative Advocacy and Human Trafficking)
- Media Activism (Social Media, Traditional Media and Communications)
- Center for Parenting and Family Well-Being
- Center for Child Health Research and Policy (Child Health and Nutrition)

## **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.

## **Preferred qualifications:**

We are seeking dedicated and focused candidates that possess excellent research, writing and data analysis skills to assist in advocacy efforts across our issue areas. 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. Depending on COVID recommended protocols, interns will likely work remotely and can be located anywhere in North America, but residency or a strong understanding of Texas is preferred.

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 a positive impact on Texas children.

## **About CHILDREN AT RISK**

Founded in 1989, CHILDREN AT RISK is an active research and advocacy group dedicated to improving the quality of life of children through research, public policy analysis, community education, and collaboration. Our focus is on the whole child with significant work in ending child trafficking, strengthening public education, and increasing access to and use of

federally funded meal programs. We are the leading source of accurate information on children's issues and an advocate and catalyst for systemic change concerning the needs of all children. See our website for recent announcements and studies: www.childrenatrisk.org

**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 Gretchen Himsl, <a href="mailto:ghimsl@childrenatrisk.org">ghimsl@childrenatrisk.org</a>. The deadline to submit applications is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please include the words "Summer BIPOC Internship" in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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. We strongly seek candidates that believe in our mission and represent the diverse community and children that we serve.

CHILDREN AT RISK receives a high volume of resumes and reviews every candidate closely. As such, candidates will only be contacted if they are selected for an interview.