

Policy Research & IMB Toolkit Update, Fall 2021
CHILDREN AT RISK -Texas

CHILDREN AT RISK is currently seeking candidates to fill a Fall 2021 internship position **to conduct policy research and analysis, update its Illicit Massage Business (IMB) toolkits** for the **Center to End the Trafficking and Exploitation of Children (CETEC), and assist with advocacy related communications.**

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. The selected candidates will have the opportunity to learn from a dedicated and collaborative team of researchers and policy experts who use strategic research to influence policy decisions and collective action. Candidates can be at the college, graduate school or PhD level. The internship is open to anyone in Texas and can be fulfilled in person in the Houston or Dallas office, or remotely.

Key responsibilities include:

- Assist the Public Policy and Law team with researching innovative ways to combat human trafficking, improve early childhood education quality and access, combat racial inequities, and support vulnerable children.
- Candidates will compile related interim charges and work with the team to identify the data that will ultimately guide our policy recommendations.
- Assist in hosting our Human Trafficking Advocacy Work Group—a monthly virtual collaboration meeting of statewide human trafficking advocacy experts.
- Update CHILDREN AT RISK's IMB (Illicit Massage Businesses) toolkits for law enforcement and local authorities (childrenatrisk.org/imb-toolkit/). These are one of CETEC's most valuable public resources in the fight against human trafficking.
- The law enforcement toolkit also provides best practices for engaging with the victims trapped in IMBs, including how to interview and work with survivors using victim-centered, trauma-informed methods.

The successful candidate will work with CHILDREN AT RISK'S Associate Director of Policy and Staff Attorney to research potential policy changes that impact children, update both the law enforcement and local authority toolkits, and assist with advocacy related communications.

Preferred qualifications: We are seeking dedicated, focused candidates who fit the following criteria:

- Current undergraduate, masters student, JD or PhD student. (JD a plus)
- Strong research and writing skills
- Ability to synthesize and effectively communicate complex information
- Strong time organization and coordination skills; attention to detail
- Strong work ethic and ability to work both individually and in a team-oriented environment
- Comfort in Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, and Teams
- Intellectual curiosity, openness to a range of perspectives, and appreciation for the complexities of anti-trafficking work

Status:

This is a part-time, temporary position, 15-20 hours per week. This could be a virtual internship – candidates may be located anywhere in Texas. If a candidate is comfortable and able, they are welcome to work in the Houston or Dallas office on days staff will be in attendance.

The position will be adapted to the selected candidate's interests, self-identified strengths and availability. Although this internship is **unpaid**, benefits include a fun and engaging office atmosphere and a recognition for tangible products that will benefit the 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 Caroline Roberts at croberts@childrenatrisk.org. The application deadline is August 23rd, 2021. Please include the words "Fall Internship" in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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

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.