Youth Assessment Center Intern
(Unpaid Internship)

Position Title: Champaign County Regional Planning Commission - Intern
Reports To: Department Program Manager
Date Posted: Location: 2011 Round Barn Drive, Champaign, IL 61821
Position Availability: Ongoing

Youth Assessment Center (YAC) Intern

Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is seeking an intern to learn under our dynamic (Department) team! The RPC is a people-focused agency made up of over 100 programs designed to generate possibilities for all within our community. A great deal of planning goes into creating opportunities where people can succeed on their own, and RPC is doing that work. From analysis to policy guidance to offering services to our communities, RPC’s people plan for people. As an intern, the selected candidate will learn about what is involved in providing effective and meaningful services in Champaign County residents in need. This is an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge and experience that will support future employment opportunities!

Internship Experiences:

- Assist the YAC reception area by greeting clients and referral agency representatives.
- Work with Case Managers in monitoring and coordinating client cases – from initial contact to case closure.
- Assist with youth/family contact, client file creation and maintenance.
- Learn how the Balanced and Restorative Justice Practice Model is used in the YAC Program.
- Gain awareness of justice system disparities as related to minorities.
- Assist with monitoring CDS programs by assisting with peer court, mediation, groups, and workshops.
- Conduct satisfaction surveys, file audits, and compile data.
- Conduct research on local agencies that the YAC program could work with.
- Develop and implement a Balanced and Restorative Justice/Court Diversion and/or Support Services project.
- Document all Service provision within 48 hours of service/contact.
- Maintain up-to-date work schedule using Microsoft Outlook.
- Assist the YAC Department by answering phone calls, filing, and meeting material preparation.
Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum of 24 hours Community College or Junior/Senior standing in Criminal Justice, Social Work, or related field.
- Ability to pass criminal background check.
- Valid Driver's License.
- Strong background in customer services and human services with program's target population.
- Ability to handle program and client information in a confidential manner and report concerns as mandated.
- Ability to understand the vision, mission, and values of CCRPC and to implement in everyday work.
- Knowledge and respect for diverse cultures/lifestyles and problems of poverty in the community.
- Proficient in English (spelling, punctuation, grammar).
- Ability to follow written and oral instructions.
- Ability to communicate effectively both written and orally.
- Ability to set work priorities and organize effectively to meet deadlines.
- Ability to attend worksite regularly to perform job duties and responsibilities.
- Ability to attend program meetings and/or training as required.
- Ability to react to change productively, and function professionally in stressful situations.
- Ability to work individually and as a team member.
- Ability to implement concepts learned from training.
- Ability to efficiently use computer programs for documentation and data entry as needed.

Essential Functions:

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Travel to meetings, training, service delivery, and other work sites
- Conduct field work and travel to worksites as needed
- Sit/stand at a desk 30-40% of workweek
- Lift and carry equipment necessary to complete assigned tasks, approximately 40 pounds.

If interested, please email your resume and cover letter to:

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Justice Initiative Coordinator
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