

Division of Youth and Family Services Intern

SITE NAME: Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)

LOCATION: Secaucus, Bayonne, Jersey City, New Jersey

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AGENCY DESCRIPTION: DYFS is responsible for investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect and if necessary arranging for the child's protection and the family's treatment. In addition, DYFS operates a 24 hour hotline to receive reports of suspected child abuse and neglect. This State Central Registry (SCR) is linked with a statewide network of Special Response Units who respond to emergency reports.

JOB DESCRIPTION: DYFS is looking for energetic college students (Junior or Senior standing only) who are strongly interested in child welfare and are able to handle the challenging atmosphere of a hectic office and serious work. As an intern you will be doing a variety of tasks. Some examples include shadowing a case worker and investigating reports of abuse and adoption issues, intake and follow up work with clients. Internships are given on a first come first serve basis. Students must be fingerprinted, pass a background/CARI (Child Abuse Record Information) check and provide proof of auto insurance (if driving is a part of job tasks).

- Hudson DYFS interns must have a recommendation from professor, recommendation from former employer, 3.3 GPA
- Hudson DCF-DYFS can only place a total of 10 interns each semester distributed among the Area and Local Offices
- Every effort will be made to make these internships available to all interested area colleges/universities
- Students must have a clean criminal, child abuse, and driving history (if applicable)

Fall Interns

- Application packet must be completed the previous July
- Colleges/universities should send students' resumes and have them fingerprinted in April or May

Spring Interns

- Application packet must be completed the previous November
- Colleges/universities should send students' resumes and have them fingerprinted in September or October

Summer Interns

- Application packet must be completed the previous April
- Colleges/universities should send students' resumes and have them fingerprinted in February or March

IF THIS DYFS OFFICE IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AN INTERNSHIP TRY ANOTHER DYFS LOCATION at <http://www.nj.gov/dcf/contact/local.html#7>

Students interested in DYFS Bergen-Passaic can contact – Nicole Miller at Nicole.Miller@dcf.state.nj.us