



2017 Summer Internships

TEAMCHILD

TeamChild is a nationally recognized nonprofit serving vulnerable youth across Washington State. TeamChild is best known for its legal services program reaching children in crisis in King, Pierce, Spokane, and Yakima counties. Our clients are generally 12-18 years old and many are involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Our legal services program is designed to keep young people out of juvenile court by reconnecting them to education, healthcare, and housing supports. We work closely with public defenders, juvenile court staff, and the community to positively impact the young person's life while helping the youth to accomplish their goals and reduce further contact with the courts. The mission of TeamChild is to uphold the rights of youth involved, or at risk of involvement, in the juvenile justice system to help them secure the education, healthcare, housing, and other support they need to achieve positive outcomes in their lives. In our work we aim to move systems away from exclusion, arrest, and incarceration towards more effective strategies that have the best chance of promoting the well-being and success of our most vulnerable children.

At TeamChild we believe that racial and other social identities should be respected and affirmed. In support of this belief, we are building an equitable and inclusive organization and providing our team of staff, volunteers, and Board members with the tools to address institutionalized racism and other forms of oppression. All members of our team are responsible for providing and supporting an equitable and inclusive work environment that will enrich our interactions with each other and our products and services. This responsibility provides the foundation for empowering the children and families that we serve so their needs are justly represented and their desires amply fulfilled.

OVERVIEW OF INTERNSHIPS

TeamChild is excited to announce that we will be hosting a full-time intern in three of our offices for Summer 2017. Please see the details for each position listed below.

- **King County** – We seek a law student intern to work directly with our staff attorneys on sex offender registration removal cases. The intern's work will involve legal research, managing discovery and records, and helping our team evaluate cases. It is likely the intern would also be involved in drafting pleadings and preparing arguments for court hearings.
- **Spokane County** – We seek a law student intern to assist with general client work and related research. The intern will be involved directly with casework which will include assisting with intake, case investigation, and client interviews. In particular, our office sees a lot of clients who are experiencing homelessness and need help accessing benefits and housing resources. This position may also involve a legal research project.

- **Yakima County** – We seek a law student intern to assist general client work and related research. The intern will be involved directly with casework which will include assisting with intake, case investigation, and client interviews. It is likely that the intern will also be given a discreet legal research and writing task.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Current law student available to work full-time (35 hours a week) at TeamChild for at least ten weeks during the 2017 summer. TeamChild's offices are flexible regarding start and end dates.
- Prior experience working with disadvantaged youth preferred.
- Strong initiative, creativity, problem solving abilities, and thrives in work environment that nurtures growth, exploration and innovation.
- Sense of humor a must

COMPENSATION

TeamChild is not able to provide compensation for this internship. The intern will need to find or provide their own financial resources for the summer.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The positions are open until filled. To apply please send a resume and cover letter to Kimiko Lozan at kimiko.lozan@teamchild.org. In your application please indicate which office or offices you are applying to.

TeamChild is an Equal Opportunity Employer. TeamChild is committed to promoting an environment free of barriers and discriminatory practices for its clients, Board and staff.