



DeKalb County Child Advocacy Center
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INTERNSHIP/VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Are you looking for a challenging and rewarding internship that will impact your community and make a difference in the life of a child? Consider child advocacy! Child advocate interns may be college or graduate students from diverse fields of study such as law, psychology, education, and sociology. For law students, becoming a child advocate intern is an excellent way to gain insight into the practice area of juvenile law.

The DeKalb County Child Advocacy Center is located in the second largest county in the state of Georgia, in Decatur, a suburb of Atlanta. It is comprised of a group of attorneys, paralegals and investigators who are committed to protecting the rights of abused and neglected children. We represent the best interest of over two thousand child clients each year who are in the temporary custody of the DeKalb County Department of Family and Child Services (DFCS). The children are typically placed in foster homes, group homes, therapeutic treatment facilities, or with family members. Interns with the DeKalb County Child Advocacy Center work alongside our investigators, paralegals and attorneys to ensure that permanency is achieved for our child-clients.

REQUIREMENTS

- Submit program application, resume, writing sample and signed confidentiality agreement
- Consent to a release of criminal history
- Complete in-person interview with an intern coordinator or designated staff member
- Work a minimum 10 hours per week during fall or spring semesters
- Work a minimum 20 hours per week during summer semester
- Multidisciplinary - related majors preferred:
 - Sociology, psychology, education, criminal justice, political science
 - Law students, graduate students, undergraduates (juniors and seniors)
 - Volunteer basis or course credit; potential college work-study placement

GENERAL WORK TASKS OF AN INTERN/VOLUNTEER

- Assisting with case investigation by:
 - Accompanying investigators and attorneys on field interviews of child clients and other relevant witnesses
 - Preparing comprehensive child advocate reports for submission into the court record
 - Writing case summaries
- Interacting with juvenile court personnel, social workers, therapists, and other service providers
- Observing deprivation proceedings at DeKalb County Juvenile Court
- Research projects pertaining to an existing or developing issue in child advocacy law

For more information, visit the Child Advocate Intern website: www.childadvocateinterns.com