Social Services

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)/ The POINT, a fully funded program of the Division of Elderly Affairs- at United Way of Rhode Island

50 Valley Street
Providence, RI 02909
401-462-4444
www.adrc.ohhs.ri.gov

The mission for an ADRC is to be a visible and trusted resource where people of all ages, incomes and disabilities go to get information on the full range of long-term support options, health insurance options, and other services that promote health and well being.

An internship at The ADRC can provide a candidate with the opportunity to learn about the programs available to seniors and adults with disabilities both public and private; it also provides the opportunity to interact with many state and federal agencies that facilitate the delivery of services to our target population. Additionally, we are employees of United Way of Rhode Island, an agency dedicated to the belief that if we help people to do better for themselves and their families, all of our community will benefit. The United Way of Rhode Island strategic plan outlines our approach in four areas: education, income, housing and safety net. United Way of Rhode Island would offer an intern a dynamic opportunity to learn and to be part of vibrant team. Each candidate is required to complete a volunteer application which also includes a criminal background check.

The Arc of Blackstone Valley

115 Manton Street
Pawtucket, RI 02861
(401) 727-0150
www.bvcriarc.org

The Arc of Blackstone Valley provides services to over 275 adults with intellectual and related developmental disabilities. The focus of the services is on developing each individual’s independence within the community. This is done through the agency’s day programs, which offer therapeutic, developmental, educational and employment training as well as job
placement services. Our residential services provide supervised group home living situations and semi independent apartment services.

A variety of other services are available in support of and as components of daily agency programs. These include information and referral, recreational and leisure time services, physical, occupational and speech therapy, psychological and behavioral services, educational services, medical and health monitoring and transportation.

Individual service plans are developed on an annual basis for each person involved in programming at The Arc of Blackstone Valley. These service plans are developed in collaboration with the individual we are supporting and their family. The plans are based on the interests, skills and needs of each individual. The focus of each plan is to provide services that will enable each individual to develop to their potential while increasing their level of independence with their community.

**Child & Family**

31 John Clarke Road, Middletown, RO 02942  
401-848-4210  
www.childandfamilyri.com

Child and Family is the oldest and most comprehensive social service agency in Newport County and one of the oldest and largest in the state. We offer programs and services for newborns to elders and thus the internship opportunities vary. For example, we offer internships working with children and elders and we offer internships working on our communications and marketing. Students can have a variety of experiences depending on their placement and work with a variety of age groups. All candidates meet with Landa Patterson, Volunteer Program & Event Coordinator, to discuss internship opportunities and possible placement. Background checks are required.

**Child Welfare Institute/DCYF**

Rhode Island College  
600 Mount Pleasant Ave.  
East Campus, Bld. 9  
Providence, RI 02908  
(401) 456-4632

An internship with DCYF is geared to the student interested in Social Work or Criminal Justice. This placement experience will help the student become familiar with the State of Rhode Island Child Welfare System and the Systems impact on Children, Youth and Families. Internships are
available with the Family Service Unit, Office of Legal Counsel, Office of Practice Standards, Administrative Review Unit, RI Child Welfare Institute, Office of the Assistant Director, Adoption and Foster Care Licensing, RI Training School, and Juvenile Probation and Parole.

**Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)**

RI Family Court  
1 Dorrance Plaza  
Providence, RI 02903  
(401) 458-3330  
www.courts.state.ri.us/family/casa

Provide advocacy for children who are the victims of abuse and/or neglect and thus involved with DCYF and Family Court. Interact with many agencies in carrying out our role. The intern will assist the assigned social caseworker and attorney assigned for the child(ren). The internship allows for hands on experience in the child welfare system.

**Crossroads Rhode Island**

160 Broad St.  
Providence, RI 02903  
(401) 521-2255 x331  
www.crossroadsri.org

Crossroads is the leading homeless service organization in the state. The mission of Crossroads Rhode Island is to assist the homeless and disconnected on their journey toward a better quality of life. We do this by providing a continuum of care that includes basic emergency needs, shelter, housing, case management and vocational services for individuals and families.

**Domestic Violence Resource Center**

61 Main St.  
Wakefield, RI 02879  
(401) 782-3995  
www.dvrcsc.org
The Center offers services to victims of domestic violence and the community, 24-hour help-line, court advocacy, safe home, drop-in center, groups, counseling, community and school-based education programs.

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center**

20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd.
Newport, RI 02804
(401) 846-4828
www.mlkccenter.org

The Community Center provides many programs including: preschool daycare, K-5, and middle school after school programs, teen evening programs, a breakfast program, emergency food services, and social groups for seniors.

**Elizabeth Buffman Chace Center**

P.O. Box 9476
Warwick, RI 02889
(401) 738-9700
www.ebccenter.org

Non-profit organization serving families and victims of domestic abuse. Services include: safe-shelter, counseling, court advocacy, community out-reach, and 24-hour hotline.

Court Advocate - for those interested in the judicial and legal system. Assist walk-in clients with protective orders (restraining and no-contact orders). Perform crisis and safety counseling, making referrals to other agencies as necessary. Assist Court Advocates with outreach and follow-up services. Attend court proceedings with clients for emotional support. Requires a minimum of 12 hours a week (due to intensive training). Population: adults from age 18 - senior

Shelter Advocate - assist shelter manager with the daily administrative and residential activities of shelter care. This includes performing intakes and answering hotline crisis calls, respite care for mothers (child care), direct advocacy with shelter residents, and some clerical work.
Population: adult female victims of DV and any children they may have (birth - 16yrs)

Hotline Advocate - for those interested in counseling and the administrative function of a nonprofit agency. Answer the 24-hour hotline and provide emotional support, make
professional referrals, and safety plan with callers (practice counseling skills). Provide administrative and intake support to Agency Services Coordinator, Counseling Manager and Elder Services Coordinator. Assist with clerical and administrative functions - includes light data entry. Population: agency staff, other professionals, and client population ages and needs vary.

Elder Advocate - for those interested in working with senior victims of domestic violence. Work under the direct supervision of our Elder Services Coordinator. Make home visits to our senior clients, help manage group counseling sessions, attend court proceedings with clients. Follow-up and outreach are crucial components of this position.

Family Service of RI
134 Thurbers Avenue
Providence, RI 02905
PO Box 6688
Providence, RI 02940
401-331-1350
www.familyserviceri.org

The Providence Children’s Initiative at Family Service can utilize a student interested in social work or family studies as long as a clinical case load is not required as part of their internship.

Qualifications:
- An interest in community organizing and/or community outreach experience;
- Interested in social policy and advocacy work
- Is committed to quality education for all children;
- Is excited about being a part of a federal initiative at the local level
- Is capable of being flexible, can work with a team, and/or independently

Activities interns can expect to participate in include:
- attending PCI related meetings
- conducting on-going assessments of community strengths and needs
- assisting in community-level outreach
- maintaining systems for keeping accurate records of contact information, interests, skills, and event participation
- performing administrative tasks; and other duties as assigned.
Federal Hill House Association

9 Courtland St.
Providence, RI 02909
(401) 421-4722

Federal Hill House is a multipurpose social service agency that has been serving the residents of Providence for over 100 years. Current programming includes senior meal site, emergency food, childcare for children 18 months to 14 years old, victims of crime assistance, youth leadership group, Bundles of joy family resource center (a family support program providing instrumental and emotional support, child development information, socialization opportunities and referrals to families who are prenatal or parenting a child aged 0-5), and a fathers program designed to meet the needs of men.

Genesis Center

620 Potters Ave.
Providence, RI 02907
(401) 781-6110
www.gencenter.org

The Genesis Center serves up to 600 individuals and 72 daycare families annually from more than 25 countries and 10 language groups. The self-sufficiency of our clients depends on learning English, accessing essential life skills and obtaining occupational/job skills training so they can support themselves and better provide for the future of their families. Courses offered include English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), the External Diploma Program, Citizenship, Culinary Arts, Healthcare Exploration, Homemaker, Green Janitorial and Culinary Arts. Intensive Case Management and Benefits Support is also readily to all Genesis Center students and families.

Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation

249 Roosevelt Avenue
Suite 201
Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-861-4376
www.gloriagemma.org
The Foundation offers nonpaid internships to high school and college students all year long. Our internships are available at our Center, located at 249 Roosevelt Avenue, Suite 201, Pawtucket, Rhode Island and on our Hope Bus.

Interning for our Foundation gives students a unique and satisfying experience that will not be easily duplicated by any future employment. We encourage students from all majors who are looking for an exciting and fulfilling internship to apply.

If you are a self-starting, high-energy, fun, out-of-the-box thinker, we would like to talk to you.

We appreciate you considering the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation for your internship. If you would like the opportunity to interview for an internship, please email carol@gloriagemma.org.

**Governor’s Commission on Disabilities**

John O. Pastore Center  
41 Cherry Dale Ct.  
Cranston, RI 02920  
(401) 462-0104  
www.gcd.ri.gov

Our agency promotes public policy, which leads to independence, productivity, and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society. We do: advocacy, legislation, ADA compliance, technical assistance, physical accessibility, referral services and medication services.

**Groden Center, Inc.**

86 Mt. Hope Ave.  
Providence, RI 02906  
(401) 274-6310 x1025  
www.grodencenter.org

Day and residential treatment and educational programs servicing children and youth who have developmental and behavioral difficulties. Education and treatment take place in classrooms, homes, and the community. The center uses the most well-developed and effective modes of behavioral treatment that emphasize innovative and therapeutic procedures.
Hope Alzheimer’s Center

25 Brayton Ave.
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 946-9220
www.hopealzheimerscenter.org

Hope is an adult day center that provides case management, therapeutic activities, personal care, nursing and nutritional supervision. Each program is specially designed for persons with Alzheimer’s and/dementia related illness.

The Kent Center-Compeer Program

50 Health Lane
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 738-4229 x233
www.thekentcenter.org www.compeer.org

The Compeer Program Matches volunteers/interns with youth and adults receiving mental health services, to provide meaningful supportive friendships and/or mentoring relationships while having fun and pursuing similar interests and hobbies that will enhance each person’s life. Kindness, gentleness, patience, and sensitivity to people receiving treatment for emotional illness or considered at risk are required.

NRI Community Services, Inc.

P. O. Box 1700
Woonsocket, RI 02895
Chris Stephens, (401) 235-7467
cstephens@nricommunityservices.org www.NRIcommunityservices.org

Our mission is to provide affordable, culturally sensitive and high quality prevention, education, and treatment services which promote the wellness and recovery of persons affected by their own or significant other’s mental illness, addiction, trauma or other mental health or substance abuse condition. We serve individuals, families, children, adults and the elderly. This is a large multi-site organization taking field placements from most degree programs. We have a therapeutic day care, an alternative school, child and family home based services, and interagency projects with Family Resources, Tides Family Services, Family Services of RI, Woonsocket Headstart and Connecting for Children and Families, Inc, wherein we can design an individualized field placement experience.
Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities

600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 456-8072
www.sherlockcenter.org

The Sherlock Center is one of 67 University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). The national network of UCEDDs work with individuals with disabilities, members of their families, state and local government agencies, and community providers in projects that provide training, technical assistance, service, research, information sharing, with a focus on building the capacity of communities to sustain all their citizens.

The Sherlock Center has numerous projects and initiatives which have internship opportunities in each. For detailed information on each Sherlock Center project and initiative, please visit the website.

Pawtucket Housing Authority

214 Roosevelt Ave.
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 721-6011
www.pawthousing.org

This agency provides low-income housing, as well as, services to residents such as: job training, homework/after school programs, computer training, and case management.

Perspectives Corporation

1130 Ten Rod Road, B101
North Kingston, RI 02852
(401) 294-3990
www.perspectivescorporation.com

A human service agency providing supports to children and adults with disabilities.

RI Family Life Center
Social service agency dedicated to assisting ex-offenders and/or their families to self-sufficiency, sustainability, and healthy reunification and relationships.

The Salvation Army - Newport

51 Memorial Blvd.
Newport, RI 02840
(401) 846-3234
www.salvationarmy.org

Provides a number of social services such as: soup kitchen, food pantry, bread table, and after-school/summer camp childcare program.

Sargent Rehabilitation Center

800 Quaker Lane
Warwick, RI 02818
(401) 886-6600

Sargent provides medical rehabilitation and education services to children and adults with neurological disabilities.

South County Community Action (SCCA)

1935 Kingstown Road
Wakefield, RI 02879
(401) 789-3016 x321

SCCA is a private, non-profit corporation whose purpose is to provide a network of social services and programs to economically disadvantaged residents of Washington County and West Greenwich, helping them to make the transition to self-sufficiency. Families come to the agency in crisis and struggling and are provided with support and skill development toward attaining self-sufficiency. SCCA’s prime development effort is to work with families to develop
their economic and social literacy, to develop and market their skill and empower them to jobs and career over a one to three year interval.

**South Providence Neighborhood Ministries (SPNM)**

747 Broad St.
Providence, RI 02907
(401) 461-7509
www.spnm.org

SPNM is a multi-cultural agency with programs in three areas: health promotion and disease prevention, childcare and youth development, and basic human needs (food, shelter, and medical care).

**Tri-Town Community Action Agency**

Main Office
1126 Hartford Ave.
Johnston, RI 02919
(401) 351-2750 x 1902
www.tri-town.org

The services offered at Tri-Town are very extensive. A general list includes: health care services, behavioral health services, dental services, various prevention programs, basic and early Head Start, day care and school aged childcare, elder case management, WIC, Even Start literacy program, adult and youth employment and training programs, energy assistance, and food and shelter programs. We have several locations (Burrillville; 2 additional Sites in Johnston; 3 Sites in North Providence—with one of them being a very active Community/Youth Center)

**Urban Greens Food Co-op**

1560 Westminster St
Providence, RI 02909
401-267-UGFC
info@urbangreens.com
Urban Greens Food Co-op is currently in the planning and member drive phase of opening a consumed owned grocery store on the west-side of Providence that will serve the needs of the community by providing access healthy and affordable groceries. The location of the store front is not yet finalized, however we run an online grocery order system out of the Westminster-Broadway Neighborhood Association building located at 1560 Westminster St.

There are numerous areas where an intern could become involved depending on his/her interest. Some examples include:

- Helping with direct outreach to community members (both informing community members about urban greens and learning about community needs);
- Outreach and relationship building with other community groups (from environmental groups to community development organizations, to churches and religious organizations);
- Helping a council member run a table at farmers markets;
- Learning about the finances of a community funded business
- Helping with current online grocery orders.

Our organization provides a great opportunity for interns to gain experience in community-building, community and organizational outreach, and financing and planning practices that ensure accountability to community members (community-driven funding models are a fundamental part of cooperative organizations). At Urban Greens we believe that a community owned co-op offering affordable, accessible, healthy food options will have a significant impact on community and individual development.

**Warwick Senior Services**

27 Pilgrim Parkway  
Warwick, RI 02888  
Carole Panos: (401) 461-0705, carol.a.panos@warwick.ri.com

Warwick Senior Services provides recreation, socialization, health and social services to Warwick seniors. The Center is a focal point for seniors seeking assistance.

**Wediko Summer Program**

**Boston Offices**  
72-74 East Dedham St.
The Wediko Summer Program is a short term residential treatment program that serves approximately 150 children with emotional and behavioral difficulties each summer. The Wediko Summer Program uses a strengths-based model and trains staff extensively in behavior management, crisis intervention, group formation, and child development theories. The internship provides students with 750 clinical hours, two supervisions per week with a licensed clinician, and the opportunity to work with experienced professionals in the mental health field.

West Bay Community Action, Inc.

205 Buttonwoods Ave.
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 732-4660 x130
www.westbaycap.org

Multi-purpose human services organization, providing social services to low income and elderly individuals. Private, non-profit agency founded in 1966. Services include: Case Management, Elder and Family Services, Children’s Day Care, Nutrition Program, and Adult Education (GED).

Women’s Center of Rhode Island

P. O. Box 603300
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 861-2761 x125
www.womenscenterri.org

The Women’s Center of Rhode Island is a private, non-profit agency that provides safety and support to women and children who are experiencing interpersonal abuse or homelessness due
to personal crisis. Our priority list of shared values included personal safety, interdependence, diversity, resource use, and collaboration.

**Woonsocket Head Start Child Development Association, Inc.**

350 Newland Ave.
Woonsocket, RI 02895
(401) 766-0112

Head Start is a federally funded program, which offers a wide range of services to low income children (ages 3-5) and their families. Comprehensive services include: health, nutrition, social services, education and opportunities for parent involvement. Woonsocket Head Start currently services 190 children. Our program year runs from September to June. Two of our centers have a 5 star BRIGHT STAR rating and all of our centers are NAEYC accredited.

**Wyatt Detention Facility**

950 High St.
Central Falls, RI 02863
(401) 729-1190 x116
[www.wyattdetention.com](http://www.wyattdetention.com)

The United States Marshals Service utilizes the facility for individuals arrested for immigrations violations and federal crimes awaiting trail/hearing. Approximately 770 detainees and have one housing unit devoted to female detainees. Social services, educational and religious programs are available to the detainee population.

**YWCA of Greater RI**

103 Corliss St.
Providence, RI 02904
(401) 831-9922

The mission for all YWCA’s across the USA is eliminating racism and empowering women. We currently provide daycare, teen camps and permanent supportive housing for women.