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.

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.

**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.

**MILITARY CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS**

615 W. State St., Room 30  
West Lafayette, IN 47907  
Phone: 765-496-7716  
Fax: 765-494-0268  
http://www.ydae.purdue.edu/military

A partnership between the Cooperative Extension System and the Department of Defense has provided the funding for a national, military childcare/youth development internship program. Through this initiative, students and recent graduates have the opportunity to develop professional skills in childcare and youth development through practical work experience with military children, youth, and families.
Interns are placed on military installations across the United States with limited opportunities for international placement and receive an hourly wage or stipend and assistance with travel expenses for their efforts. Current students may obtain academic credit for this experience if desired.

**Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities**

600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue  
Providence, RI 02908  
(401) 456-8072  
[www.sherlockcenter.org](http://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](http://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.
Rhode Island AEYC & BrightStars

Internship Program
The intern will assist RIAEYC/BrightStars in its mission to support professionals in their work by promoting quality education and the healthy development of young children. In doing so, the intern will assist on a wide range of projects, including conferences and other professional development, governing board development, the BrightStars quality rating and improvement system, as well as aid in day-to-day operations and logistics.

Internship Responsibilities:

- Community outreach - accompany staff at various different community or organization meetings.
- Event management - assist with logistics involved in planning for conferences, mini-conferences and professional development opportunities, including scheduling, marketing, design of email and print pieces, registration, etc.
- Social networking - helping to build and maintain a social network presence for the organization.
- Board development - complete various tasks assigned by Board officers.
- Research - review literature on assigned topics.
- General office work - data entry, note-taking, materials preparation, etc.

Internship Requirements:

- Follow agency guidelines and expectations
- Act in a professional manner
- Complete work in a timely and accurate manner: on-site or work from home/school
- Contribute creative ideas and insights
- Complete academic project and career services paperwork (as required)
- Gain as much as possible out of the experience (new skills, career ideas, contacts)

Qualifications:

RIAEYC/BrightStars seeks individuals with a strong commitment to helping to promote high quality early childhood education and care. Intern must be detail-oriented with the ability to work on several tasks concurrently. Ideal candidates should possess strong communications and written skills, as well as the ability to work in a team environment.

How to Apply:

Please submit resume and cover letter to: lharper@uri.edu and tcamillo@brightstars.org.
Rhode Island Department of Corrections

40 Howard Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
Volunteer/Intern Coordinator 401-462-1737
www.ridoc.org

The mission of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections is to contribute to public safety by maintaining a balanced correctional system of institutional and community programs that provide a range of control and rehabilitative options for criminal offenders.

Internship opportunities are available in the areas of Adult Probation and Parole, Clinical Psychology, Community Confinement, Correctional Industries, Education Unit, Information and Public Relations, Library Services, Management Information Systems, Medical Programs, Office of Legal Counsel, Planning and Research Unit, Reentry Services, and Substance Abuse Treatment.

Rhode Island Housing

44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903
(401) 457-1171
www.rhodeislandhousing.org

Rhode Island Housing, an agency of the State of Rhode Island, is primarily funded by private investors and through administration of federal housing programs. All of our resources are invested in our mission. Rhode Island Housing works to ensure that all people who live or work in Rhode Island can afford a safe, healthy home that meets their needs. Our belief is that a home encompasses much more than four walls and a roof.

The internship at Rhode Island Housing’s Resident Services department is for a student interested in Social Work with a concentration in Housing. This placement experience will help the student become familiar with State and Federal Housing program regulations and housing opportunities for low-income Rhode Island residents. The intern will work with individuals and families looking for emergency housing.
Senator Jack Reed’s RI Office

1 Exchange Terrace
Providence, RI 02903
401-528-5200
Erin Donovan erin_donovan@reed.senate.gov

Internships in the Providence or Cranston office allow students to see how Senator Reed’s work helps Rhode Islanders throughout the state. Interns assist in both research and policy initiatives as well as special projects and events. They also perform various administrative tasks such as greeting guests, drafting correspondence, and sorting mail.

State of Rhode Island General Assembly

http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Pages/InternProgram.aspx

Students are placed in the legislative, executive or judicial branches of government, as well as various departments and agencies within state government. The program has a wide selection of placements - many are legal placements, geared towards law students, as well as undergraduates interested in a legal career. The Department of the Attorney General, the Public Defender's Office, and judicial clerkships are some examples of placements. Others include: Department of Health, Department of Administration, which include, but are not limited to, environmental sciences, human services, computer programming and engineering.

Stonington Human Services

166 South Broad St.
Pawcatuck, Ct 06379
(860) 535-5077
www.stonington-ct.gov

Municipal Department with four divisions: Social Services, Youth and Family Services, Senior Services, and Recreation. Intern opportunities are available to provide program support within the following areas:

- Positive youth development programs for children in grades Pre-K-12
- Completion of client applications for a variety of assistance programs
- Advocacy and referral for clients at the front desk
Wyatt Detention Facility

950 High St.
Central Falls, RI 02863
(401) 729-1190 x116
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.