

Mission: The Fogarty Center's mission is to empower people to improve the quality of their lives. We support each individual to make choices, to build community connections and relationships, and to improve their status and skills. We realize that people are the authorities of their own lives and our role is to listen and to work together as they achieve their dreams and desires.

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Internship Opportunities: The Fogarty Center Children's Services Program offers individualized home and community based services for children and young adults with developmental disabilities. All of our clients are between the ages of three to 21. Internships may be available at The Fogarty Center for students in Psychology, Human Development and Family Studies, Early Childhood Education, Social Work, Policy Development, Physical Therapy, Communicative Disorders, Kinesiology, or for other students with a strong interest in enhancing the quality of lives for children and families in need. Interns placed within The Fogarty Center Children's Services Program will have the opportunity to learn the individualized delivery of services offered through Home-Based Therapeutic Services (HBTS), Personal Assistance Services and Supports (PASS), and Respite Services. Depending upon the goals and skill level of an individual intern, experiences and responsibilities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Adherence to all human resources requirements including resume, interview process, reference checks, a criminal background check and DCYF clearance.
- Understand the differences between the three programs offered through The Fogarty Center (HBTS, PASS, and Respite)
- Work with children between the ages of 3-21 and their families.
- Observation and collaboration with Family Service Coordinator for all steps of case process.
- Attendance and participation in Clinical Supervision meetings.
- Understanding of varying diagnoses and of how socioeconomic and familial support factors impact upon child's development.
- Assist in a variety of community social groups for children in our HBTS program.
- Assist in recruitment efforts for The Fogarty Center Children's Services Program.
- Assist in the creation of visual supports that will enhance effective communication for children.