

PUBLIC POLICY, ADVOCACY, & LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS INTERNSHIP

The Children's Network of Solano County is a non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of children in Solano County through education, advocacy, coordination of community services and community-based collaboratives. Founded in 1982, the Network acts as the umbrella organization for several planning bodies, including the Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Local Child Care Planning Council, and the Solano Children's Alliance. It also coordinates the Solano Family Resource Center Network.

SKILLS, EXPERIENCE, AND ABILITIES:

The intern will serve as a resource to children's coordinating councils appointed by the Solano County Board of Supervisors. The candidate must possess an excellent understanding of policy development, legislative analysis and advocacy in the public policy arena as it applies to children's issues and services.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Track policy proposals by state and county governments, health related agencies, planning bodies, and others as they relate to children's issues in the areas of health and wellness, child care, abuse and neglect prevention, prenatal care and family preservation
- Research legislation, law, and policy of the State of California concerning issues of children and families
- Identify, monitor, and analyze state and federal legislation affecting children and interpret implications of various public policy options
- Identify key legislative proposals and recommend positions of support or opposition

- Develop and disseminate fact sheets, sample letters, and education materials in support of legislation
- Monitor bill status and provide reports
- Work closely with staff on legislation and other issues impacting the community
- Provide representation for the Children's Network at meetings of other child advocacy groups
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

- College Degree in Social Work Administration, Public Policy, Public Administration or a related human service field
- Commitment and dedication to the health and well-being of children
- Ability and confidence to interact with elected officials and community representatives
- Interest in the legislative process and enthusiasm for learning about government
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Demonstrated computer skills, including experience with Word, email and the internet
- Capable of operating successfully with minimal supervision in an intense work environment
- Ability to work with people from a wide variety of disciplines
- Resourcefulness

If you are interested in volunteering, contact our office via email at childnet@childnet.org, or call Tessa Rawlinson at (707) 421-7229.