



INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Youth Advocate

Salary: \$15 per hour stipend

Time Required: 22 hours/ week

Agency/Division: New York City Children's Services/ Family Permanency Services/Office of Youth Advocacy and Support Services

Location: 150 William Street, NY, NY

Number of Positions: One (1)

Position Description:

New York City Children's Services' Office of Youth Advocacy and Support Services is charged with assisting youth in foster care to achieve positive outcomes that will enable permanency and a successful transition to adulthood. The positive outcomes are connected to the Preparing Youth for Adulthood Plan (PYA), which outlines the following benchmarks for youth transitioning from care:

1. Youth will have permanent connections to caring adults
 2. Youth will reside in stable living situations
 3. Youth will be afforded opportunities to advance their education and personal development
 4. Youth will be encouraged to take increasing responsibility for their work and life decisions, and their positive decisions be reinforced
 5. Young people's individual needs will be met
 6. Youth will have ongoing support after they age-out of care
- With the support of New Yorkers For Children, Casey Family Programs and The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Children's Service's is looking for one (1) Youth Advocate. With guidance from the Youth Advocate Supervisor, the Youth Advocate will serve as Children's Services' ombudsmen to young people in foster care.

To support their work in these areas, the advocate will receive training and supervision related to their work. The Youth Advocate will fulfill key tasks outlined by Youth Advocate Supervisor and /or Director. All Youth Advocates will receive additional training and coaching in support for fulfilling the following general tasks of the position:

- Regularly participate in Family Permanency Team Conferences.
- Participate in training and support to youth and agency staff around the importance of youth participation in Family Permanency Team Conferences.
- Assist youth in addressing case-specific issues regarding achievement of permanency
- Assist youth in addressing issues regarding achievement of PYA goals

- Participate in Children's Services' Youth Advisory Board (YAB) in planning and execution of board projects and initiatives such as the
- Youth Speak-Out
- Participate in planning and implementation of agency-wide initiatives that impact youth and their achievement of PYA
- Participate in training to youth and agency staff on Children's Services' policy and practices.
- Develop and contribute to various informational resources such as www.youthsuccessnyc.org and the foster care youth handbook

Qualified candidates should meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to support youth currently in NYC's foster care system
- A recent alumnae of foster care
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to manage time, multiple projects and school course-load
- Ability to take direction and work well in groups
- Desire to build leadership and facilitation skills
- Ability to make at least a one-year commitment.
- Bilingual is a plus

All applicants must submit a resume and cover letter via email to:

NYC Children's Services' Youth Advocate Search

Attn: Titilayo Morgan

NYC Children's Services

Youth Advocacy and Support Services

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