

Kentucky Youth Advocates

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Kentucky Youth Advocates (KYA) is a non-profit, public policy organization which provides research, policy and data analysis on children and low-income family issues. KYA is THE independent voice for Kentucky's children, as it does not take any financial support from government entities. KYA mobilizes advocates to take action on behalf of kids and families, and works with the legislative and executive branches of government to change and enact policies to benefit kids and families.

Interns work directly with KYA's policy team on policies, projects, and events related to economic security, education, health, safety and youth justice. An internship is an opportunity to develop deep knowledge on a specific area of child well-being, learn advocacy strategies and tools for achieving policy change, and network with stakeholders and decision-makers.

Interns perform the following functions: 1) research and write issue briefs, fact sheets, and blog posts related to policy priorities; 2) possibly conduct qualitative research via focus groups; 3) attend and help run meetings and events with partners, work groups, and coalitions; 4) attend government committee hearings and convening sessions of state legislative bodies; 5) assist in planning advocacy trainings and the annual Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol; and 6) perform other duties as assigned by KYA staff.