



## **Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center Internship Learning Objectives**

**Agency Description:** Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center is a non-profit located in Bowling Green, KY. The Center works closely with other professionals through protocols of the region's ten Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) to coordinate and provide evidence-based best practices services for victims of child sexual abuse and their non-offending members in one neutral, safe, and child-friendly location.

**Ages/Populations Served:** The Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center provides direct services for children ages 0-17 living in Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson and Warren Counties.

**Characteristics:** The successful intern will be organized, flexible and positive. Good communication and ability to work well on a team are essential.

**Website:** <http://bracac.org>

### **The following are the primary learning objectives:**

1. The student will be oriented to BRACAC services as an example of a non-profit agency.
2. The student will become familiar with multidisciplinary teams (MDTs).
3. The student will gain experience in interaction with client base.
4. The student will become familiar with victim advocacy and support programs.
5. The student will become familiar with the process of forensic interviews and medical exams.
6. The student will learn about self-care and maintaining balance between personal and professional life.

### **By the end of the placement the student will:**

1. Have an understanding and awareness of the non-profit agency.
2. Have a working knowledge of MDTs.
3. Have a working knowledge of the treatment needs of children who have experienced trauma.
4. Know about resources in the community and how to engage and interact with them.
5. Have experience in conducting an assessment and using social work skills.
6. Have experience in maintaining balance between professional and personal life.
7. Have a working knowledge of social work values and ethics.

### **Intern duties and opportunities may include:**

- ⌚ Participating and observing therapy sessions.
- ⌚ Observing forensic interviews and medical exams.
- ⌚ Attending staff meetings and trainings.
- ⌚ Participating in BRACAC fundraisers.
- ⌚ Assisting with victim advocacy and support programs.
- ⌚ Attending and assisting with therapy groups.
- ⌚ Attending and participating in case consultation and weekly supervision.
- ⌚ Observing and conducting assessments.
- ⌚ Attending Citizens Foster Care Review Board meeting.
- ⌚ Read external research, books, and articles related to population served.