

Community Action of Southern Kentucky

Family Nurturing Program Internship

Agency Description:

Community Collaboration for Children (CCC) provides funding for community-based efforts that promote the safety and well-being of children and families. It provides funding to support a statewide network of community-based, prevention focused services for families and children. The child's mental and physical health, safety and well-being are paramount concerns of CCC.

Community Action of Southern Kentucky offers a wealth of programs to the community including, Head Start, Liheap, Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Services, BG Transit and Community Services.

Services: The CCC in-Home Program provides trained, in-home family service associates to work in the home on a short-term basis with families. The associates identify family strengths as well as areas of concern. The strengths based approach to in home services is designed to promote safe, stable, healthy families and to prevent child abuse and neglect. Program staff also assists families in their ability to utilize community resources. Referrals are accepted through community partners, including but not limited to, DCBS and self-referrals.

Characteristics: The successful intern will be professional, a team player, willing to learn new information and implement it, be organized and have excellent oral and written communication skills.

Website: www.casoky.org

This internship is designed to provide a comprehensive experience focused on the social worker's responsibility to him/herself, the organization, the clients and the community.

The following are the primary learning objectives:

1. The student will review referrals
2. Become familiar with community resources
3. Attend client visits with worker to understand entire process of how visit goes
4. Reviews client case files to familiarize oneself with information that must be included
5. Learn how to rate a home in detail; this may include environmental, safety, parental capabilities, etc.
6. Participates in staff meetings
7. Attends community functions outside of the office
8. Writes sample progress notes
9. Learns how to interact with families

Outcome Goal: It is my goal as supervisor that all interns receive in-depth training while in my care. I want the intern to benefit from this experience and know when his/her time is up what is in store for them. I want him/her to see the real world for what it is, and what he/she will be dealing with. The intern needs to know the increasing amount of paperwork that must be completed. He/she needs to know he may go into homes with roaches and bed bugs. He/she may see things he/she never seen before. This is not an easy field to enter into, and it's my personal goal that the intern be able to experience all of it.