



Internship Opportunity Public Policy & Advocacy Intern Summer 2018

Job Title:	Public Policy & Advocacy Intern	Status:	Volunteer
Reports To:	Director of Public Policy & Advocacy	Hourly Rate:	Non-stipend
Program:	Public Policy & Advocacy	Classification:	Non-stipend

The Mockingbird Society™ is a non-partisan advocacy organization that thinks holistically, creatively and passionately about meeting society's obligations to children and youth who need out-of-home care – those who must leave family homes that cannot or do not provide adequate care. The young people we serve often move through a variety of living situations, including foster homes, kinship care, and different manifestations of youth homelessness. Our work is to ensure that the systems of care that serve these young people provide the services that are needed, with the standard of excellence that all children deserve. Our advocacy is rooted in the direct experience and voice of young people who have experienced foster care and youth homelessness.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Mockingbird Society seeks a Public Policy & Advocacy (PP&A) Intern to assist in the organization's work advocating for systemic reforms in the child welfare system and systems supporting youth experiencing homelessness. Under the direction and guidance of the Director of PP&A, the PP&A Intern will assist the development of the agency's annual policy agenda and the engagement of legislative and community stakeholders in support of this agenda. The PP&A Intern will not engage in political activity or lobbying.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support the Public Policy and Youth Programs teams as they prepare for key events in the advocacy cycle, including the Youth Leadership Summit, legislator BBQs in district, and quarterly State Leadership Councils.
- Research policy issues identified by youth chapters.
- Assist with communicating policy updates to internal & external partners, including updating advocacy materials on website.
- Coordinate support for advocacy coalitions working on issues of youth homelessness and child welfare reform, including planning and support for annual WACHYA Convening.
- Provide administrative support, including archiving and database management.
- Other duties as assigned.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

- Interns will learn first-hand about policy development and implementation in a non-partisan, non-political way.
- Interns will have the opportunity to gain experience in the realm of youth development.
- Interns will have the opportunity to develop professional research and writing skills.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduate or undergraduate student pursuing public policy, law, communications, social work, public administration, or related degree.
- Excellent writing, communication, and organizational skills.
- Enthusiastic, detail-oriented, creative, flexible, reliable, and proactive team player who enjoys working in a collaborative and fun work environment.
- Experience with, and/or commitment to having, race equity, social justice, and LGBTQ/cultural competence be a workplace priority.
- Experience with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite and/or web development helpful but not required.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Preference to candidates who can commit June through September, with possible extension through the fall.
- Ability to perform moderate physical work, exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally and 10 to 20 pounds frequently.
- Available for 10-20 hours per week.

COMPENSATION

This is a non-stipend, volunteer position designed to provide the intern with learning opportunities while supporting the organization's ability to achieve its mission. Course credit may be available.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Employees and volunteers are prohibited from discriminating against any individual or group on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, citizenship, age, marital or veteran status, sensory, physical, or medical disability, political ideology, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status. **Alumni of foster care and those who have experienced youth homelessness are encouraged to apply.**

TO APPLY

Send resume and cover letter to jobs@mockingbirdsociety.org with "Summer Public Policy & Advocacy Internship" in the subject line. No calls please. Position is open until filled; priority consideration will be given to applications received by May 29, 2018.

Employment at The Mockingbird Society is contingent upon completion of a criminal background check. If a criminal record is disclosed, the record will be reviewed in order to determine the applicant's eligibility for employment.