



**MACOMB COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER, INC./CARE HOUSE  
BSW & MSW Foundation Internship**

Macomb County Child Advocacy Center/Care House has some wonderful opportunities for undergraduate and graduate interns to join the Care House Team for the semester!!

The mission of Care House is "To prevent and reduce the incidence and trauma of child sexual and physical abuse in Macomb County through collaborative, multidisciplinary, and effective family-centered activities."

*Position requirements and information for all volunteers and interns: Must be 18 years of age or older (with some exceptions for supervised school groups) and successfully complete the volunteer application, criminal background checks, reference checks, volunteer interview, agency orientation, and agency provided training. We request that volunteers commit to at least six months of service and interns commit to at least one semester. Travel may be required for trainings, tours, and community meetings.*

*BSW & MSW Foundation volunteers/interns must be enrolled in a bachelors-level or masters-level program in the schools of social work or counseling. BSW and MSW Foundation volunteers/interns are supervised by the Lead Forensic Interviewer/Intervention Coordinator. Hours are flexible based on the student's schedule; but should be able to commit to a minimum of 16 hours per week. This position does not offer the opportunity for supervisory experience. These volunteers/interns must display the following qualities and skills: emotional maturity and stability, professionalism, empathy, confidentiality, strong personal boundaries, patience, flexibility, good self-care, and the ability to work well within a multi-disciplinary team.*

The duties for this position **MAY** include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in forensic interviews
  - Working with the multi-disciplinary team dynamic including, law enforcement, department of health and human services workers, assistant prosecuting attorneys, and Care House Staff.
  - Transcribing forensic interviews
  - Providing crisis counseling to non-offending parents or caregivers.
- Welcoming families to Care House and providing a snack and juice to children and offering water or coffee to adults
- Providing support to families while child is being interviewed
  - Listening to concerns and answering questions about Care House, providing basic resources, and engaging in conversation with families to decrease their anxiety or worries while their child is being interviewed
  - Interacting with child/children while the parent/guardian is meeting with the multidisciplinary team (MDT) post-interview. This meeting is held in the conference room. If the child has anxiety about the parent leaving the room, you can try to redirect child to an activity or neutral topic
  - Offering a stuffed animal at appropriate time (and NEVER give them prior to interview)
  - Assisting child and family in cleaning up the family room
- Conducting follow-up phone calls to answer questions about the investigation and guide the family to proper aftercare resources
- Assisting in support groups
- Researching and writing blog posts for the Care House website
- Assisting with the research and enhancement of our prevention program
- Answering the telephone

- After the family leaves:
  - ✓ restock interview room supplies
  - ✓ clean and/or disinfect tables and toys
  - ✓ remove any used paper off the easel and replace with more paper
  - ✓ replace light bulbs if needed
  - ✓ rewind videotapes if the family watched movies
  - ✓ restock stuffed animals if needed
  - ✓ check the bathroom for any messes left behind
  - ✓ debrief with interviewer immediately after interview
  
- Other responsibilities as assigned

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Sheri Miller, to begin the application process and with any questions at 586/463-0123 or [sherim@mccarehouse.org](mailto:sherim@mccarehouse.org).

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