

MACOMB COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER, INC./CARE HOUSE

MSW Advanced and Counseling Internships

Macomb County Child Advocacy Center/Care House has many meaningful opportunities for undergraduate and graduate interns to join the Care House Team and gain valuable skills in assisting child victims of abuse and their families at our Mount Clemens and Warren locations.

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.

Masters Level volunteers/interns must be enrolled in a masters-level program in the schools of social work or counseling. Masters Level volunteers/interns are supervised by the Lead Counselor/Clinical 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 multidisciplinary team.

The Macomb County Child Advocacy Center/Care House (with our main office in Mt. Clemens, MI and a satellite center in Warren, MI) is looking for Counseling Interns who are interested in working in a Clinical Community Counseling setting. It is important that all prospective interns understand we service a specialized population here. Interns will see clients and family members suffering from trauma related to child sexual abuse, other child abuse and neglect, witnesses to violent crimes including homicide and accidental death, grief and loss. The trauma is often complex and very challenging, yet very rewarding. Interns MUST engage in self-care, be honest about how they are feeling and reacting to what they see and hear and must be willing to communicate with their supervisor(s). Interns must be emotionally stable and should have a passion for engaging in trauma-focused interventions. We would ask that prospective interns carefully think about their choice before selecting Care House as an internship site.

Interns have the opportunity to participate in therapeutic group activities, conduct crisis counseling, advocate for children and families, and spends time interacting with the interviewing

staff and multidisciplinary team members-which include: County Prosecutors, Child Protective Services Workers, and law enforcement at all levels.

Following forensic interviews, interns will become responsible with training for providing crisis counseling and advocacy services to our families and provision of case management referrals to our clientele. Interns will be responsible for making follow up phone calls at two intervals to check in on our families and their well-being.

Counseling interns further develop and practice their clinical skills, learn clinical documentation, treatment planning, conduct intake sessions, and provide ongoing individual and group therapeutic services with a caseload of up to six therapy clients on an ongoing basis. Your caseload may include children as young as three years old to adults and caregivers of all ages. It is expected that interns be willing to work with any age group or combination. There can be no guarantee that an intern will work just with children or just with adults. Flexibility is a requirement.

Counseling interns will receive at least one hour per week of individual supervision. Counseling interns will also participate in weekly case conferencing and will be expected to be prepared to respond and contribute to assist the presenter as well as present their own cases as scheduled.

As an agency we do not normally operate on weekends. There may be opportunities for interns to participate in Agency events which may take place during non-office hours or days. There are opportunities to participate in additional training for professional development. Interns are never left on the premises without supervision of clinical program staff.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Cara Ciraulo, to begin the application process and with any questions at 586/463-0123 or carac@mccarehouse.org.

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