SERVICES PROVIDED:

Center Court is a safe, healthy and supportive apartment community where young people who transitioned into adulthood from the foster care system gain experience living independently in a supported environment.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENT:

Work with the program coordinator to mentor youth in foster care and those transitioning out of foster care. He or she will learn how to write case notes and learn about the management and reporting system for Center Court. Shadow/assist or lead some of the group. The practicum/intern may lead other life skill groups (i.e., cooking, résumé building, nutrition, computer skills, crafts, etc.) The subjects would be determined after identifying the strengths the intern brings to the project.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENTS:

- Flexibility and initiative that will allow the student to function within an interdependent teamwork structure
- Non-judgmental, strength-based approach to working with families
- Good listening skills
- Ability to communicate well orally and in writing
- Ability to deal with difficult situations
- Experience operating a computer or word processor is desirable
- Three personal or professional references. Anyone, but family

A criminal background check, drug screening, and TB test is required of all inter/practicum students.

The practicum student will work closely with staff and volunteers to develop a program that meets the needs of the student and serves the agency in a productive way.

A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND DRUG SCREENING IS REQUIRED

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward. Certain crimes are now permanently disqualifiable per ORS 443.004.

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