SERVICES PROVIDED

Fostering Hope provides information and support to families parenting for the first time in Marion County. Supportive services include home visiting, parent groups, and parenting education.

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The practicum student will work closely with staff to develop a program that meets the needs of the student and serves the agency in a productive way. The practicum/intern will learn what it takes to work with families experiencing multiple stressors and about social services, non-profits and community collaboration, community mobilization and home visiting services.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENT

- Assists in screening and assessment at local hospitals to determine the needs of families who are expecting or are in the early weeks of parenting their first child.
- Assists/shadows home visitors in providing supportive home visits to families who request services; delivering information, service referral, case management and modeling positive relationship building.
- Works with home visitors as a case management assistant. May also assist in, or individually facilitate parenting support/education groups under the supervision of a staff person.
- Help recruiting families for home visiting, comparison group, community cafe
- Help with parenting classes, prep, shop, support attendance tracking
- Help with community cafe, prep, shop, support attendance tracking
- Clerical support
- Community or family event support

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENTS

- College course work congruent with social service work
- Bilingual a plus

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• 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 using a computer for word processor, spreadsheets and PowerPoint is desirable
• Three personal or professional references. Anyone, but family

All new interns need to successfully pass a background check, drug test and TB test before starting their internship with Fostering Hope Initiative.

A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK, DRUG SCREENING, AND TB TEST IS REQUIRED OF ALL INTERN/PRACTICUM STUDENTS.

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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