SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Alternative Programs incorporates programs that are preventative as well as diversionary for youthful offenders. Alternative Programs provides the court with community service/work program resources with which to deal with youth referred for all offenses. The programs offer immediate consequences for inappropriate behavior in the community. The programs also help youthful offenders become more aware of their responsibilities and be accountable for their behavior.

- Youth participate in community service/work projects, which aid senior citizens, the handicapped, low-income, and nonprofit organizations. Alternative Programs work with juveniles five (5) days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

- To assist in the coordination of day-to-day operations.
- To assist in supervising and working with youth assigned to specific community projects (one-to-one and small groups of 3-5 youth).
- To assist in maintaining program records and writing behavior evaluations.
- To present themselves as an appropriate role model.
- To visit and participate in all facets of juvenile court.
- To be available on certain weekdays, afternoon/evenings, and Saturdays.
- Special project work available depending on skill level and initiative.
- Be able and willing to work outdoors in summer heat and winter cold and provide supervision, instruction, and physical labor.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK:

The employment outlook depends on quality of work and openings at the time. Nearly one-fourth of all program practicum students have recently found part- or full-time employment within the agency.

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QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED:

- Police check will be run on all students before acceptance
- Must be self-starter; able to work independently
- Have good public relations
- A minimum of two-term commitment
- County Volunteer Orientation required
- Department/Program Orientation required
- 21 years of age or older

APPLICATION:

Anyone desiring a practicum position with Marion County Juvenile Department (MCJD) must first fill out a volunteer application available at the main reception desk at 3030 Center Street or on the Internet (see link below). Specify where in the department you wish to work. This process, including the criminal history check, takes about two weeks. Further, students desiring to do a practicum at the MCJD should complete this application process two weeks prior to a referral by their advisor or referral coordinator.

Marion County Volunteer Application Form:
http://www.co.marion.or.us/NR/rdonlyres/7897C8FB-9E86-491D-B8A3-A02790896223/0/Volunteer_InternApplication.pdf

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK MAY BE 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.