

## INTERN POSITION DESCRIPTION

#### **PROGRAM: The Attleboro Center**

### POSITION REPORTS TO: Supervisors, Program Director, Clinical Director

#### **DESCRIPTION DONE BY: Christin Cranshaw**

POSITION TITLE: Attleboro Center Milieu Intern and Group Facilitator Intern

### **QUALIFICATIONS (Education and Experience)**

- Interest in, and sensitivity towards, adolescents in community based inpatient psychiatric setting.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to promote a caring and respectful attitude toward service recipients, staff and other volunteers and interns, respecting privacy and confidentiality.
- Good time management and documentation skills.

JRI seeks to find the best intern for an available position. The agency does not discriminate with regard to gender, marital status, pregnancy, sex, color, race, age, national origin, ancestry, religion, or creed, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, genetics, military or Veteran's status, political beliefs or other protected status.

Candidates pursuing degrees in Psychology, Sociology or a related field or wanting to gain a better knowledge of the Human Service field are encouraged to apply.

## PRINCIPLE ACCOUNTABILITIES

#### **General Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Dress appropriately and be punctual.
- Function as part of a team.
- Act as a role model for service recipients.
- Report any changers in service recipient's physical or emotional health (including unusual incidents).
- Notify your supervisor if you are unable to keep your schedule.
- Keep a record of your service hours on the posted form at your program.
- Have sensitivity to service recipients' ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds, as well as physical or mental challenges.
- Follow the agency's Confidentiality Policy.

• Attend internal and external trainings as required.

## Specific Responsibilities:

- Observe behavior management and therapeutic treatment modalities of program.
- Assist with daily routine.
- Assist with client activities.
- Assist in researching community resources for youth and their families.
- Recognize opportunities to develop and present psycho-educational life skills and independent skills building groups to service recipients. Topics may include cooking, hygiene, life skills, cleaning, social skills, problem solving, respect, relationships, stereotypes, activism, fitness, conflict resolution, health, yoga, etc.
- Learn conflict management and de-escalation techniques working in the milieu.
- Support service recipients with treatment goals.
- Be a mentor (if applicable).

## OTHER RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES

All interns complete an intake and orientation that includes the opportunity to interview other interns, Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) clearance, reference check, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training, Mantoux (tuberculosis) screening (at some programs), information on JRI's mission, as well as the program's place in that mission, including its philosophy, goals and general policies. We will arrange for all of these requirements.

Interns are invited and encouraged to attend additional training, including First Aid, CPR, CPI - Day 1 (De-escalation), Compliance and Performance Quality Improvement.

## WORKING CONDITIONS

Work directly with milieu at Attleboro Center, 200 South Main Street; Attleboro, MA.

**OTHER:** The Attleboro Center, a program of JRI, is an acute residential treatment program providing inpatient psychiatric treatment to males and females ages 12-18. The program is designed as an alternative to psychiatric hospitalization, with the goal of assisting youth and their families achieve psychiatric stabilization and receive appropriate, supportive aftercare. Its mission is to serve adolescents who present with acute psychiatric issues and behaviors, and transition them back into the community as quickly as possible.

The Attleboro Center is looking to increase the diversity of daily milieu groups that are offered to its residents throughout the year. We currently offer groups in self-esteem, substance abuse education and prevention, boys and girls heath, group psychotherapy, art therapy, and creative writing. In an effort to expand our group curriculum, we are looking for student interns who may have an interest in facilitating groups of this nature, as well as students who have strengths/interests in other areas such as yoga, writing,

relaxation, menu planning and meal preparation, life skills for the young adult, theater/art, and sports.

There is no minimum/maximum number of hours needed to commit. The Attleboro Center is flexible in working with student interns to best meet the needs of the program and allow the students flexibility with their academic schedules.

# AGENCY SUMMARY:

Justice Resource Institute is a non-profit 501(c)(3) human services agency. Justice Resource Institute (JRI) is dedicated to addressing the most confounding challenges of both the human services and educational systems and the persons and families these systems were created to serve. JRI pursues the social justice inherent in opening doors to opportunity and independence. Although our range of services is as varied as those we serve, our approach is uniformly characterized by compassionate support, innovation, and community leadership. We work in partnership with individuals, families, communities and government to address their shared challenges in a comprehensive, coordinated, systematic, and effective manner. JRI seeks new knowledge and improved evidence-based practice, in research and in the field, in order to inform our continuous search for excellence in service.

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