



INTERN POSITION DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM: Southeast Alternative School(s)

POSITION REPORTS TO: School Director

DESCRIPTION DONE BY: Southeast Alternative Schools' Program Directors

POSITION TITLE: SAS School Counselor Intern

QUALIFICATIONS (Education and Experience)

- Educational background in clinical or counseling skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to promote a caring and respectful attitude toward service recipients, staff and other volunteers and interns, respecting privacy and confidentiality.

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 or social work are encouraged to apply.

PRINCIPLE ACCOUNTABILITIES

General Duties and Responsibilities:

- Dress appropriately and be punctual.
- 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.
- Be a role model for service recipients.
- Sensitivity to service recipients' ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, as well as physical or mental challenges.
- Follow the agency's Confidentiality Policy.
- Attend internal and external trainings as required.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Work alongside mentor in developing and implementing social groups for students.
- Work alongside mentor in designing social emotional goals and programs for meeting student needs.

- Demonstrate and apply knowledge of how student social emotional needs are met through collaboration between school, homes and collaterals.
- Provide collaborative team work in a milieu where academic and social emotional goals of students are met simultaneously.
- 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

- Working within a school setting directly interacting with students, but never in 1:1 situations
- Working within both education and counseling settings.

OTHER: (Descriptions and Contacts):

The Southeast Alternative School (SAS) is a comprehensive, therapeutic day program operated by JRI. SAS serves students in two campuses: Cape Cod and Middleboro. SAS has nearly 25 years of experience offering individualized special education, clinical treatment, prevocational and vocational experience and therapeutic supports in a community-based setting.

The Cape Cod Campus is a community-based high school that serves medically stable students challenged by emotional, learning and behavioral disabilities. Typical diagnoses include depression, bipolar disorder, impulsivity, organizational and attention issues, processing and expressive disorders, reading disabilities, etc. About half of the students have been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome or have AS characteristics. At the Cape Cod campus, students regularly participate in community service activities.

The **Young Adult Campus** is located at the same address.

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The Middleboro Campus is a community-based middle school and high school that serves medically stable students challenged by emotional, learning and behavioral disabilities. Typical diagnoses include depression, bipolar disorder, impulsivity, organization and attention issues, processing and expressive disorder, reading disabilities, etc. High school students explore their readiness for work through our School to Career program, which allows students to investigate occupational interests through intern and apprenticeship placements

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AGENCY SUMMARY:

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