



TeamChild
Spokane County Internship: Summer 2010

TEAMCHILD

TeamChild is a nationally recognized, innovative civil legal aid program serving low income youth. TeamChild's clients are 12-18 years old, with a focus on youth who are involved in, or at risk for involvement in, the juvenile justice system. TeamChild attorneys provide free legal representation on youth's civil legal rights in the community, including the right to education, mental health and medical treatment, safe living circumstances and other social services. Our advocacy for youth targets the root causes of juvenile delinquency and aims to give juvenile courts effective, community based alternatives to secure detention.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

TeamChild seeks a law intern for the Spokane office of TeamChild. The law intern will spend the internship working directly with TeamChild's staff attorney to provide civil legal services to youth. Legal issues addressed during the internship may include school discipline, special education, public benefits including Medicaid, Child In Need of Services (CHINs) petitions, and housing. The internship will provide opportunities to observe in juvenile court, conduct client intakes and interviews, complete legal research and writing projects on substantive legal issues related to TeamChild's clients, attend community meetings, and learn the day to day activities of a civil legal aid attorney for youth.

QUALIFICATIONS

Ten weeks, full time commitment required. Must have a commitment to working for the rights of low income or otherwise disenfranchised people, and in particular, youth. Must have excellent writing and oral advocacy skills, strong organizational and administrative skills, and an interest and ability to creatively problem solve. Must work well independently and as a member of a team.

FUNDING

Summer internships at TeamChild are unpaid. Applicants are responsible for securing public interest grants/stipends on their own. Law school credit may also be available.

APPLICATION

To apply, send a cover letter, resume and writing sample by **February 1, 2010** to: Rosey Thurman, TeamChild, 1704 W. Broadway, Spokane, WA 99201. Questions? Email rosey.thurman@teamchild.org

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