Organization’s name: Pierce County Juvenile Court

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Internship Position Title: Probation Case Aide Intern, Juvenile Detention Officer Intern, Court Appointed Special Advocate

Number of Openings: Always openings available

Quarter(s) Internship is available for: All

Hours per week: minimum of 8 hour per week for 3 months or other longer term opportunities that can be as low as 4 hour every other week.

Paid or unpaid: Unpaid

Location: Most occur at our location.

Description of Organization: The Pierce County Juvenile Court has exclusive jurisdiction over those juveniles within Pierce County who violate the criminal laws of this state or who are in need of protection and/or advocacy as a result of
abuse, neglect or abandonment. The Juvenile Department provides probation, court, detention and adoption services.

Responsibilities of Intern: Varies depending on location.
Detention Center
Our mission is to house juvenile offenders in a safe, secure, and humane living environment where they are cared for and supervised by professional, well-trained staff. We believe that detention, while providing community protection, can also provide residents with an opportunity for constructive and positive change.

Probation
The Community Supervision (Probation) Unit screens all Juvenile Court referrals, makes recommendations to the court regarding the need for detention, prepares predisposition reports, and directly supervises youthful offenders. Probation staff assigned to this department work with individual youth and families to provide relevant rehabilitative juvenile probation services and programs consistent with community standards and public safety.

Dependency/Court Appointed Special Advocates
Parents and children (ages 0–18) come to the attention of the Dependency Court when Child Protective Services (CPS) files court paperwork alleging abuse and/or neglect according to RCW 13.34.030 (6).
A Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad litem (CASA/GAL) is appointed to represent the best interests of the child. The duties of the CASA/GAL are defined by statute.

Qualifications: Must complete an application, interview, background check and have positive references to be considered for placement in an internship opportunity.

Preferred Majors/Minors: Social work, Criminal Justice, Social Services, Psychology, Sociology, Education, Law and Justice.

How to Apply: Call Carrie Appling at 253-798-3837 or email at Carrie.Appling@co.pierce.wa.us or apply on line at: www.co.pierce.wa.us/index.aspx?NID=1120