



Internship and Field Practicum Program

Position Descriptions

Summer/Fall 2011

ICAH seeks individuals committed to development and implementation of strategies to promote a positive approach to adolescent sexual health.

Organization Mission:

In partnership with youth, we advocate sound policies and practices that promote a positive approach to adolescent sexual health and parenting.

We believe reproductive justice is an integral part of a broader human rights framework. Our reproductive justice work must align with other social justice movements to address the multi-layered impact of oppression on youth. In all our projects, we focus on serving marginalized adolescent groups, including low-income, immigrant, homeless, LGBTQI, and pregnant and parenting youth.

We believe reproductive freedom for adolescents must encompass the choice to prevent pregnancy and disease with access to sexual healthcare information and services; an accessible system to terminate a pregnancy through safe legal abortion; and to bring a pregnancy to term and parent.

Policy Priorities:

- Sexual healthcare access
- Sexual health education
- Programs that support successful completion of education by pregnant and parenting youth

Internship Overview:

Internships and Field Practicum placements with ICAH are open to undergraduate and graduate students in public health, social work, psychology, counseling, education, community studies, public policy, and related fields. Internship hours are flexible and include weekdays as well as some weekends & evenings.

Ideal candidates will possess the following skills:

- Experience with or an interest in the fields of youth development and adolescent sexual health
- Proficiency using the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc)
- Excellent research and written/oral communication skills
- The ability to work well in teams and independently
- Knowledge of public policy and governmental systems
- Experience with event planning and/or program coordination

Internships are unpaid. ICAH staff can work with you and your school to help obtain academic credit.

ICAH is located in the Loop, although internship duties may take you outside the downtown Chicago area.

Internship Opportunities:

- **Advocacy and Policy:** Interns would conduct public policy and data research, draft policy papers and briefs, attend meetings as needed, and assist with the planning and facilitation of ICAH's annual Advocacy Day at the State Capitol in the spring. Coordination of networking events is also an important role for this position. Interns would be responsible for keeping informed on the research regarding sexual education policies in Illinois and across the United States, as well as policies promoted by the Federal Government.
- **Development and Fundraising:** Interns would gain valuable experience working on all grants-related activities (*prospecting, letters of intent (LOIs), proposals, reports, thank you letters*), fundraising, and communications. They would have hands-on opportunities to learn about funder relationships and improve their written and verbal communications skills.
- **Organizing and Youth Development:** Interns would assist with implementation of ICAH's School of Justice youth program, assist in logistical planning and implement of statewide gatherings every two to three months. Interns would also assist in maintaining our social media networks.
- **Professional Development and Training:** Interns would research and provide logistical support for the Training Department; maintain the Adolescent Sexual Health Toolkit; research and write about current sexual health issues and trends, youth development models, and young parent issues; provide technical assistance and support to teaching personnel across Illinois and follow up with participants from our training programs; conduct data research for analysis; and work with youth to fulfill our mission.

ICAH is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity or gender expression, age, religion, marital status, status as a qualified individual with a disability, veteran status, sexual orientation or any other status protected by applicable law.

Interested candidates should speak with their school or university's internship or field placement office to confirm that an internship with ICAH will meet their academic requirements.

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