

Volunteer Services

INTERN POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Youth Achievers Programming Intern

SUPERVISOR: Youth Achievers Program Specialist

PROGRAM: The *Youth Achievers Program (YAP)* is a comprehensive program that reduces risk factors and promotes resilience in the lives of at-risk children and youth by concentrating on their strengths and those of their family. YAP provides constructive alternatives to problem behaviors by providing fun, skill- and confidence-building activities and intervention services in a healthy, structured environment that builds on the promise of youth. The program serves children and youth ages 7-14.

PURPOSE: To assist in the development and implementation of curriculum programming according to specific age groups.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Take the lead on a minimum number of programming activities.
- Design activities based on the YAP curriculum and grant expectations.
- Outline lesson plans to be monitored by supervisor.
- Plan and schedule YAP guest speakers based on curriculum and need.
- Research books, magazines and websites for children/youth and create a resource list for staff and participants (this will also serve as curriculum development).
- Assist in monitoring participants in the program.
- Understand and stay consistent with YAP's behavior expectations for the participants.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Have previous experience working with "at-risk" youth.
- Experience with or knowledge of working with people with multiple barriers and from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Be dependable and reliable, realizing your impact on program participants.
- Understand the importance of confidentiality in regard to program participants.

BENEFITS:

- Increase your understanding of program development and implementation of programming for "at-risk" youth.
- Learn and practice strength-based approaches to working with youth experiencing multiple barriers.
- Documented internship experience.
- Experience working for a non-profit agency.
- Make a difference in the life of a young person.

SITE: YWCA St. Paul, 375 Selby Avenue, St. Paul

COMMITMENT:

- Minimum 3-month commitment. Flexible schedule; minimum 2 hours per week
- Program hours are Monday thru Friday, 2-6 p.m. Summer hours are Monday thru Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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