



Internship/Practicum Description

Title: Foster Care & Homefinding Intern/Practicum Student

Department Description: Gateway Longview's Community-Based Services supports children, youth, and families throughout the community. The objective of the program is to strengthen the family unit or the child's system of care, continually working toward the overall goal of permanency and stability for all children.

A full team of Foster Care staff also works to certify and support foster, adoptive, and kinship families throughout the region. Adding to a full menu of 24/7 community-based programs, our Center for Youth Development works with older youth aging out of the foster care system as they prepare for independent living.

Position Specific Duties/Responsibilities:

- Work collaboratively with the Foster Care department to assist in the recruitment, training, and recertification of foster families with the agency.
- Assist in the screening of prospective foster/adoptive parent candidates for appropriateness and conduct orientation sessions, pre-certification training, and complete necessary home studies in a timely manner.
- Review and document re-certification studies for resource parents in collaboration with the assigned Home finder.
- Attend and participate in Service Plan Reviews, Family Treatment Teams, and other department meetings.
- Attend and assist in providing appropriate visitation services to birth families.
- Provide support to foster families through linkage to resources and procurement of necessary supplies in advance of foster placements.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Enrollment in a Human Services-related Bachelor's or Master's Degree program.
- Ability to exercise discretion and judgement in decision making. Detail-oriented; ability to function as a team player and possess a demonstrated passion for advancing the work of serving youth and their families.
- Ability to work effectively with clients, families, staff, and community contacts from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds.
- Background clearances will be administered upon acceptance into placement.