



## *District of Columbia Courts*

### *Internship Program Openings*

#### **Division: Family Court: Family Treatment Court (FTC)**

**Description:** The goal of the FTC is to help the individual become abstinent from drug use and promote emotional, financial, and personal self-sufficiency with enhanced parenting and coping skills.

The Family Treatment Court is an 18-month voluntary comprehensive substance abuse treatment program for mothers with a pending child neglect matter. Those interested in participating must stipulate to the allegations of neglect. The first six months involve the residential component of the program where the women are housed in a contracted treatment facility. Following a period of adjustment, up to four children aged ten and under may accompany the parent in the program. Program participants receive intensive drug treatment, individual and/or family counseling, parenting instruction, health screenings, mental health treatment and biweekly court appearances before the Family Treatment Court Judge. FTC social workers from the Child and Family Services Agency ensure that the goals embodied in the identified treatment plan for both children and their parent/caretaker are met.

Family Treatment Court represents an invaluable service to the community in that it promotes clean and sober parenting with the preferred outcome of family reunification. This translates not only into cost savings with regards to the child welfare system, but the priceless re-establishing of families, healthy, whole, and contributing now to the community at large.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Assist the Family Treatment Court Coordinator in day to day operations.
- Compile research data into a format that demonstrates statistically the program operations.
- Assist in gathering data and entering information about Family Treatment Court participants.
- Conduct site visits with Coordinator when needed.
- Observe court hearings, take notes, to follow up on judicial requests.
- Other duties as assigned.

#### **Qualifications:**

The applicant must be at least in his or her third or fourth year of undergraduate program or in a graduate or law school program. The student must be in good standing at his or her university. It is preferred that all applicants have a GPA of 3.0 or better. The student must be able to commit a minimum of 12 hours per week throughout the semester. Finally, the student will be subjected to an FBI criminal background check.

#### **Application Process:**

Applications should include the following:

- A District of Columbia Internship Application Form
- A Resume
- An unofficial Transcript
- Two Letters of Recommendation

#### **Please send all application packets to:**

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