



## EDUCATION & PREVENTION INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

### WHO WE ARE

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Peaceful Paths is the only certified domestic violence center responsible for serving Alachua, Bradford and Union Counties. Our agency is committed to providing services to survivors of domestic violence and their children. Our agency offers services such as legal advocacy, counseling, economic empowerment, violence prevention education, support groups, emergency food, clothing and hygiene supplies, emergency shelter and transitional housing.

### THE OPPORTUNITY

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Prospective interns who are selected will be working within our Education & Prevention Program which provides services to the children of survivors at our Outreach office and Shelter as well as community members. This internship gives firsthand experience in providing children's advocacy, planning/facilitating children's support groups, educating on violence prevention and financial literacy, delivering childcare support, and participating in community awareness events. There will also be opportunities to shadow in other areas of the agency. Interns will have the opportunity to work with survivors and their children, providing support, learning to advocate and keep them emotionally and physically safe.

### OBJECTIVES

- Interns will create and teach curriculum at community centers, schools, camps, and child support groups.
- Interns will assist in fundraising events, complete trainings, and attend meetings within our agency.
- Interns will attend conferences and other professional development opportunities.
- Interns will learn about and develop self-care strategies and boundaries.
- Interns will assist with childcare during client intakes and counseling sessions.
- Interns will track student and client outcomes by organizing and entering statistics.
- Interns will engage in tabling, conducting outreach events, and developing program materials.
- Interns will work with survivors and their children in providing support, advocacy, and education.
- Interns will stay current on social justice topics, domestic violence research, risk factors, and policy reform.

### THE COMMITMENT

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Those who are interested in applying for this internship should be available for more than one or more full semester of interning/volunteering and exhibit patience, understanding, empathy, creativity, enthusiasm, and a commitment to the youth we serve. Our outreach/shelter locations are located in an area of town that does not have an evening bus route, so applicants should have their own reliable mode of transportation.

### RECOMMENDED SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Knowledge of domestic/dating violence
- Leadership skills
- Teamwork experience
- Flexibility with scheduling
- Experience working with children
- Understanding of confidentiality practices
- Enthusiasm for lesson planning and teaching

All interns will also be required to complete our new advocate training which totals 24 hours. Attending this training is **NOT OPTIONAL**. Those who do not complete the training will not be retained as an intern.

### HOW TO APPLY

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To apply please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed volunteer application (found on our website) to [jessicaw@peacefulpaths.org](mailto:jessicaw@peacefulpaths.org).