

NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE NETWORK

Youth Justice Policy Intern, Summer 2021

Are you passionate about justice system reform? Want to work to keep youth out of the justice system and improve outcomes of youth already involved in it?

The National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJN) is looking for a passionate, dedicated, and self-motivated Youth Justice Policy Intern to join in our work to shrink our youth justice systems and transform the remainder into systems that treat youth and families with dignity and humanity. Our work is premised on the fundamental understanding that our youth justice systems are inextricably bound with the systemic and structural racism that define our society, and as such we seek to change policy and practice while simultaneously building power with those who are most negatively affected by our justice systems, including young people, their families and all people of color.

NJJN digs deep into state-level policy, working hand-in-hand with state and local advocates to enact policy, legislative, and administrative reforms across the spectrum of our justice system's processes. We prefer a graduate-level intern (public policy, social work, or law preferred) but will also consider an undergraduate with relevant coursework or work experience to provide support in the areas of policy and legislative analysis.

The intern will support all of NJJN's activities, with a focus on researching current youth justice policy issues and legislation and drafting policy briefs, fact sheets, and other documents as well as responding to requests for legislative support for state and federal youth justice bills. The intern will attend meetings (virtually at the present time) with members and coalitions that we work with and may also help us organize webinars and assist with the Youth Justice Leadership Institute. The intern must have excellent research and writing skills, the ability to work independently, and a demonstrated commitment to social justice. Experience or course work in the field of youth justice is preferred but not required. The intern must be able to work in a collaborative team environment and think creatively about all assignments.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and 2-3 page writing sample to info@njjn.org with "Policy Intern" in the subject line. The position is available for the summer. Start and end dates are flexible. Interns are expected to commit to a minimum of 15 hours per week. More information about NJJN can be found at www.njjn.org. This is an unpaid internship.