

UF Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies Research
Undergraduate (WST 4940) and Graduate (WST 6946) Internship

Peaceful Paths: Education and Prevention
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Overview and Mission: 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

Schedule Requirements: Those who are interested in applying for this internship should be available for one or more full semesters 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. Currently interns must be tested for COVID-19 every 14 days and submit their results to their supervisor. Testing can occur at Peaceful Paths in conjunction with our testing schedule or at your preferred testing location. Masks must be worn at all times.

Recommended Skills and Experience:

- Experience working with children
- Teamwork experience
- Flexibility with scheduling—including an evening a week and a Saturday morning a month
- Knowledge of domestic/dating violence
- Leadership Skills
- Understanding of confidentiality practices
- Enthusiasm for lesson planning and teaching
- 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.

Interns will:

- Create and teach curriculum. While traditionally this occurs at community centers, schools, and camps, currently it will be carried out in a virtual space with online content development and execution.
- Teach curriculum at in-person child and youth support groups.
- Assist in fundraising events, complete trainings, and attend meetings within our agency or virtually.
- Learn about and develop self-care strategies and boundaries.
- Assist with childcare during client intakes and counseling sessions and will sanitize child areas.
- Track student and client outcomes by organizing and entering statistics.
- Engage in tabling, conducting outreach events, and developing program materials.
- Work with survivors and their children in providing support, advocacy, and education.
- Stay current on social justice topics, domestic violence research, risk factors, and policy reform.

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