

Internship in Psychology
Data File

Student Name: Audrey Barnard

Internship Site

Name of Organization: CASA

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Placement Supervisor (name, phone, email): Amanda Mataska, 940-766-0552, amataska@casawf.org

Initial Contact Person (name, phone, email): Hannah Fryer, 940-766-0552, hfryer@casawf.org

Scheduled Start & End Dates: 6/1/17-7/21/17

Brief Description of Organization (mission/purpose, types of clients served, services provided):

Child Advocates - CASA of Red River serves the most innocent and vulnerable of our community, children who have been abused or neglected. These children are in the child protection/foster care system and rely on volunteers to advocate for their best interests and to speak up for them in court.

Intern Duties & Responsibilities (list):

Assist CASA Supervisors in their duties, including:

- Obtain a clear, first hand understanding of the needs and situation of the child by reviewing all relevant documents and records and interviewing the child, parents, social workers, teachers, and other persons to determine the facts and circumstances of the child's situation.
- Maintain confidentiality of all issues and records of the case.
- Guide volunteers to advocate for the child.
- Accompany volunteers to court hearings, on home visits, to Permanency Conferences and Single Case Planning meetings.
- Advocate for the children's best interest to assure that the children's needs are met.
- Seek cooperative solutions by facilitating communication among parties, such as the parents, family members, attorney ad litem, teachers, CPS, placement providers, and other service providers.
- Other duties as assigned.

Benefits Obtained:

- learned to read and understand case files from court
- kept confidentiality of cases
- learned how to type and record notes in OPTIMA
- learned how to behave professionally

One Sentence Capture of the Internship (My internship experience...):

My internship experience was very eye opening and gave me insight into the "negative side" of children's lives.