



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOR ADVANCEMENT HANGOUT

Social Work Internship Description

Stipend: \$500/semester plus Septa Key cards or mileage reimbursement for local travel

Schedule: Afternoon and evening hours (must be able to commit to a minimum of 10 hours per week or two, five-hour days per week).

Summary: Youth Empowerment for Advancement Hangout (YEAH) is a Black-led, community-based nonprofit that works with teens and young adults in West and Southwest Philadelphia ages 15 to 24 who have been impacted by violence. With a special focus on those who are labeled as having violent histories, YEAH acknowledges teens as the experts of their own lives and prioritizes pushing back against oppressive systems and addressing structural barriers that often lead to violence.

YEAH provides interns with a supportive learning environment and creates a culture of transparency, authenticity, and safety. While our internship descriptions are broken down by clinical or macro focus, we aim to provide each social work student with an experience that will assist them in gaining both clinical and macro skills. We believe in social work students being well rounded and utilizing skills for direct practice as well as macro practice to become the best social worker they can be in a variety of settings. Each student will be supervised by a licensed social worker and will receive ongoing supervision to process, assess, and talk through the internship experience.

The Youth Empowerment and Violent Crime Initiative (VCI) is a main program component within YEAH that focuses on providing holistic and culturally relevant community support and case management services to teens and young adults within the juvenile justice system. Our interns will mainly work within this initiative and the overall main goals of VCI include:

- Engaging and supporting teens and young adults both prior to release and when released from the Juvenile Justice Services Center (JJSC).
- Providing intensive support services as pilot programming to teens and young adults within the juvenile justice system to address victimization, gaps in services, violence reduction, continuity of care, and the overall well-being of youth related to culturally relevant behavioral health & restorative justice services.

- Providing monetary incentives in addition to training, community engagement, and psychoeducational workshops that improve the quality of life of teens and young adults in Philadelphia and build skills relevant to life and violence reduction.
- Connecting teens and young adults to sustainable services in and outside of YEAH beneficial to the individual based on their circumstance.

Internship Responsibilities:

Clinical focus:

- Maintain a caseload of two to three young people and assist with identified personal goals.
- Conduct home visits, intake assessments, biopsychosocial assessments, and discharge planning.
- Assist with helping teens and young adults obtain vital documents, driving permits, employment, training, and any other goals related to individual needs.
- Create workshops and groups relevant to young people.
- Provide basic counseling to young people.
- Maintain documentation and utilize a case management database (Salesforce).

Macro focus:

- Assist with research and data analysis pertaining to the juvenile justice system, violence, and social justice.
- Create literature reviews, interview protocols, and procedures related to organizational research.
- Assist with development and grant writing.
- Assist with development of legislative proposals related to organizational work.
- Create and complete a personalized macro project for the school year.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Attend and participate in community events (food & resource giveaways)
- Assist with group facilitation
- Assist with tasks related to conflict resolution and peer mediation

To apply, please email resume/CV and cover letter to teens@yeahphilly.org and use Social Work Internship as the subject heading. **In your cover letter, in addition to your skills and learning goals, please discuss your experience working with Black communities, advocating on behalf of young Black people, and working to dismantle systemic racism. Qualified internship candidates will be contacted for an in-person interview.**

Youth Empowerment for Advancement Hangout (YEAH) is an equal opportunity employer committed to assembling a diverse, broadly trained staff. Women, minorities, people with lived experience, disabilities and veterans are strongly encouraged to apply. In compliance with

applicable laws and in furtherance of its commitment to fostering an environment that welcomes and embraces diversity, YEAH does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and parenting status), disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status or genetic information in its programs or activities, including employment, admissions, and educational programs.