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Resource Team Bachelor's Level Field Placement

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General Description of Agency:

The Blue Bench is Colorado's largest sexual assault prevention and care center. The Blue Bench responds to over 1,000 calls to the resource line, sees on average 250 therapy clients and 750 advocacy clients per year and answers 3,000 hotline calls annually. As the only sexual assault center in metro-Denver since 1983, The Blue Bench's services are aimed at assisting survivors of sexual assault and educating the public about preventing sexual violence. This internship position is designed to integrate both The Blue Bench's mission and the student's career goals and interests as they pertain to working primarily with issues of trauma and sexual assault.

Services Provided at The Blue Bench: Prevention, education, intake assessments, individual and group therapy, advocacy services, 24/7 hotline, crisis intervention, support for secondary survivors, and trauma education and training.

Scope of Placement: Student intern provides phone based and in person support to clients through the Resource Line. Student intern will also work to create and sustain community partnerships and help to maintain the Resource Guide for the agency.

Type of Clients Served: The Client Services Program serves individuals 13 years and older of all identities who have experienced sexual assault or abuse. We also provide support services to friends, families, and partners of survivors of sexual assault or abuse.

Internship Program Supervised by: Becca Tiell-Krekeler, LCSW, Resource Manager

Number of Internship Placement Opportunities: 1 bachelor level student

Duties of Student Interns: Working with clients on the Resource Line by providing support, crisis intervention and connecting them to internal or external services; engaging in community outreach and

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building agency partnerships; maintaining the agency's Resource Guide; attending agency and community meetings, and providing other agency support as needed.

Minimum number of hours/week trainee works: 12

Preferred number of hours/week: 12-14

Possible to work weekends? Not generally

Possible to work evenings? Sometimes

In Person or Virtual? Hybrid, interns are expected to spend about 50% their time in-person at our Lakewood, CO office - especially for Thursday meetings, but may have a hybrid of in-person and virtual clients.

Are any meetings mandatory: Yes , must be available to meet on Thursdays at 11am in person at our office in Lakewood, CO.

If so, when are they held: 40 hour Hotline training (Conducted over a period of 4-5 weeks on 2X/week from 6p-9p and two Saturdays from 9a-3p or 5pm); weekly individual supervision; bi-weekly Client Service meetings (Thursdays from 11a - 12p).

Qualifications Needed by Interns: Seeking a Bachelor degree in Social Work or similar field, comfort with crisis work and phone-based advocacy

People of color and bilingual persons particularly encouraged to apply. Bilingual students will have the opportunity to work with monolingual, bilingual and English-speaking clients.

Pay: Generally none, but minority students may qualify for paid internships at The Blue Bench through the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance.

Application Process: Students are required to submit a resume and cover letter to Becca Tiell-Krekeler, Resource Manager at rtiell@thebluebench.org Resumes are accepted starting March 1. This will be followed by an in-person or virtual interview. Additionally, all students are required to complete a background check.

Dates of Internship: We are currently seeking 9-12 month placements (with a preference for 1-year commitments) with starting dates either in the spring (May/June) or the fall (August).

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