

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site Alternative Opportunities Inc.

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

We have several different programs. One works primarily with families whose children have been in foster care and are transitioning back home. We may mentor youth, teach parenting skills, coordinate community services, etc.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

See above and below. Document work done, maintain contact with supervisor, mandated reporter

Type of population with which students would be working (e.g., adults, adolescents, children, physically challenged, cognitively challenged, etc.):

We also have a program to help developmentally disabled adults live independently. Therefore, we have programs to help all ages in varying life situations.

Our Students

Undergraduates

Our undergraduate students typically are juniors and seniors with 17-35 credit hours in Psychology. There are exceptions. If you have any special requirements for students who apply at your practicum site, please describe them.

To work with foster children you must be 21 years of age. Reliable transportation is also needed.

Graduate Students

Our graduate students are students at the end of their first year or some time during their second year in the clinical track of our graduate psychology program. These students need direct service contact with clients, and also need weekly supervision from a licensed mental health professional. Is your site interested in working with our graduate students?

We are always looking for committed staff. It would be a good experience for those interested in the field of psychology.

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

Days and time of days on which you need practicum students:

All hours; Adult homes are staffed 24 hours daily. Youth programs primarily serve between 3-7 p.m. and Saturdays.

Is this a paid practicum? Yes X No

If yes, what is pay rate? Beginning \$7.05 per hour; After training \$7.30 per hour; Some consideration is given based on experience.

What length of commitment (e.g., semester, three months, six months), do you expect from the student?

As long as they are willing and able

Application Process

What is the preferred application process (e.g., email/mail resume/schedule an appointment)?

Fill out an application at 2626 W College; A resume can be submitted. Applicants will be contacted for an interview

Please provide any other information that would be useful in helping our students to make more informed choices.

If more information is needed or if interested students have question, they can contact Tessa Smith.