



Their Future Is Our Business

Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS) is seeking qualified applicants for a Youth Policy Internship.

TNOYS is a non-profit membership association of youth serving agencies and advocates, dedicated to enhancing the professionalism and effectiveness of community-based agencies serving youth and families in Texas. The network connects youth service staff and administrators, as well as youth and other youth advocates, on behalf of youth and their families who are in “at risk” situations. More information on TNOYS is available at www.tnoys.org.

The purpose of this internship is to assist the TNOYS Public Policy Coordinator and Executive Director with policy research, projects, and programming. TNOYS advocates for funding, policies, and programs to benefit youth and their families in at-risk situations and the community-based agencies that serve them. We direct particular attention to the child welfare and juvenile justice systems and the prevention and intervention programs that prevent youth from entering those systems in the first place. Our emphasis is on grassroots advocacy: organizing members to advocate on behalf of the youth and families they serve and empowering young people to advocate on their own behalf.

Intern responsibilities may include the following, depending on the intern’s interests, experience, and skills:

- Writing articles on youth policy issues for our regular and quarterly newsletters
- Developing other policy-related publications and resources for distribution to our members
- Collecting data on youth in Texas and conducting policy-related research
- Participating in the development and implementation of a campaign strategy to better engage our members in policy advocacy
- Attending state-level stakeholder meetings/events and networking with other advocates
- Tracking current events, news stories, and the release of reports related to youth policy issues

This internship is an excellent opportunity to do substantive, meaningful work and network with leaders and experts in the youth policy field. It is unpaid. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. To apply for this internship, please send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Christine Gendron, the TNOYS Public Policy Coordinator, at cgendron@tnoys.org.