**Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Advocacy Intern**

**Phoenix Center at Anschutz**

The Violence Prevention and Advocacy (VPA) Intern will be responsible for continuing assessment efforts for the Phoenix Center at Anschutz, with additional opportunities to participate in survivor advocacy services and prevention education.

As a new and growing program, the VPA intern has the opportunity to truly shape the future direction of the Phoenix Center at Anschutz. We are excited to work with an intern whose passion is community program evaluation and development.

**Purpose:**

VPA interns will gain a variety of skills and experiences around both assessment, victim services, and prevention education on the topics of relationship violence, sexual violence, and stalking. Assessment will be the priority, with victim services and prevention education as secondary components to this internship. The VPA intern will work with the VSC to conduct the community needs assessment in the Anschutz community, analyze its results, and share findings with key stakeholders. VPA interns may also be involved in the design of prevention education programs and their implementation. They may actively engage in campus awareness activities, classroom presentations, orientations, and educational presentations to various campus groups. Interns will also be trained to provide advocacy both in-person and via our 24/7 helpline. They must be self-starters, flexible, and committed to the cause.

**Benefits:**

Interns will be provided with in-depth and ongoing training in dynamics of victimization and will gain experience in providing interpersonal violence education and direct service advocacy to our large campus community. In addition to becoming a Colorado certified Victim’s Advocate, interns will gain valuable experience in assessment, case management, crisis intervention, educational programming, and collaborating with multiple systems/organizations.

**Priority Duties:**

* Position begins early August and runs until the end of the semester
* VPA interns will work every week in-office (hours dependent upon program requirements and student schedule) plus a 3.5 day shift on the helpline once every 4 – 6 weeks.
* Implement the community needs assessment in the Anschutz community, analyze its results, and share findings with key stakeholders
* Create communication plan to share data with key stakeholders through the use of presentations, reports, meetings, and social media
* Gather, analyze, and report current data and information about the characteristics and needs of the Anschutz community
* Identify gaps in resources for Anschutz survivors

**Secondary Duties:**

* Direct practice advocacy work and crisis intervention with survivors of interpersonal violence and concerned others, including:
	+ Assess survivor or concerned person’s immediate needs, including Suicide Risk Assessment, and provide necessary referrals;
	+ Provide education and information on the dynamics of interpersonal violence;
	+ Provide information about judicial, legal, medical, law enforcement, counseling, and academic services;
	+ Accompany victims of interpersonal violence to court, Title IX, DPD, and the health center;
	+ Complete & maintain documentation of services rendered including client files.
	+ Provide case management to in-office clients;
* Participate in prevention education & awareness activities each semester (incl. orientations and tabling);
* Participate in the design and implementation of prevention education curriculum and awareness programs;
* Design or improve workshop curriculum, event, or research project during the internship;
* Actively seek opportunities for education including outreach to professors and academic departments;
* Attend weekly staff meetings and/or weekly supervision meeting with VSC
* Respond promptly to any PCA staff member communication (**must check email daily**);
* Receive regular ongoing supervision and training individually and in a group setting.

**Requirements:**

* Be enrolled and in-good standing with graduate or professional program;
* Successfully complete two 32-hour ***mandatory*** training from August 13-17th & additional in service trainings as necessary;
* Must be available for occasional evenings and weekends as well as week day presentations/orientations;
* Must agree to a background check and at least 18 years of age;
* Must have an open and non-judgmental attitude and a demonstrated commitment to diversity;
* Adhere to strict policy of confidentiality;
* Closure on any personal issues/victimization with sexual assault, relationship violence, or stalking.

**Application Process:** Complete the MPH Violence Prevention and Advocacy Internship Application, send to Kalyn.stroik@ucdenver.edu by July 30th at noon.

**Application Priority Deadline:** Monday, July 30th at Noon