APS School Social Work Internship Program

Program Description:
The School Social Work intern program prepares students to identify with the profession of social work in a school setting. The experience of working in the school setting will prepare students to function in society as competent, professional social workers with advanced analytic and practice skills.

Type of Students:
To participate in the School Social Work intern program, you must be a BSW or MSW level student enrolled in a college/university (i.e., only social work students – undergraduate and graduate)

Schools with current APS Approved MOU's:
- Clark Atlanta University
- Kennesaw University
- Georgia State
- University of Georgia
- Valdosta University
- Fort Valley University

Note: Only Accepting Students from Schools with an Approved MOU

Requirements for Applying:
- Be enrolled in an accredited School of Social Work program at a college/university (no online, human services programs)
- Two Phase Interview Process
- Pass APS Background Check

Requirements for Participation in the Program:
- Reliable Transportation
- Cell Phone or Email Address
- Laptop
- Provide copy of Academic Development Program (ADP), if needed

What to Expect:
- The internship is full-time and includes the 1st and 2nd semester of each school year. Interns are expected to work the hours predetermined by their school on the days and hours assigned.
- Group activities, assignments, interactive learning
- Student Individual and Group Presentation
- Student Group Community Service Project
- To be able to perform all the duties and responsibilities of a school social worker
Training Activities:

- CSWE Core Competency review
- SSW referral process
- Interviewing Skills
- S.O.A.P/Case notes
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Suicidal/Homicidal Ideation Protocol
- Brief Mental Health Assessments
- Psychosocial Development training
- Child abuse reporting
- Truancy/Educational Neglect Training
- Home visit Protocol and Safety Tips
- Group Intern activities (i.e., field trips, volunteer activity, presentations, team building activities)

Post Completion Goals of School Social Work Internship Program:

- Should be able to apply NASW ethics in the school setting
- Should be able to apply CSWE competencies
- Should be able to autonomously manage personal caseload
- Should be able write a social history
- Should be proficient in assessment skills and make recommendations (i.e., RTI, SST, contractual mental health providers)
- Should be able to identify and report child abuse
- Should be able to recognize, assess and make an appropriate referral for intervention on students who have suicidal/homicidal ideations
- Should be able to link client to resources in the community
- Should be able to provide support during school-wide crisis
- Should be able to collaborate with teachers and support staff
- Should be able to conduct home visits
- Should be able to prepare a truancy cases and present them in court
- In general the student should be able to perform all the duties and responsibilities of a school social worker using the generalist practice model

If you are interested in participating in the intern program, please have the field liaison at your university/college to email Jacquelyn.anthony@atlanta.k12.ga.