

UF Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies Research
Internship Information Form

Organization Name: Child Advocacy Center

Website: <http://www.childadvocacycentergainesville.org/>

Mission Statement: A comprehensive, child-friendly facility where professionals from law enforcement, medical, child protection and therapeutic services effectively collaborate to meet the individual needs of child victims and break the cycle of abuse

The Child Advocacy Center in Gainesville provides a child friendly, safe and supportive environment for abused and neglected children. The Center is a place where professionals – social workers, counselors, law enforcement officers, state attorneys, victim advocates, medical professionals and others – work as a team to coordinate investigations and interventions for each child abuse case. This collaboration expedites each child's time in the legal system and ensures that children are not re-victimized by the system and that they and their families are provided the support and services needed.

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Call between 9 -5 Monday – Friday

Contact Person: Lisa Sickels or Kim Bryant

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What activities will the intern take part in, and how do they relate to Women's/Gender studies?

- Interns are assigned to one of our three advocates. Interns will Shadow Victim Advocates during case staffings, court, and task force meetings/trainings. Interns will also help with opening new case in the database, sit with children while they wait to have a forensic interview, meet with families and take part in any event center events.
- Work is performed at the CAC office and/or at other sites relevant to cases. Driver's license and car are preferred by not required.
- Interns set their schedule with supervisor; there may be some variations week to week based on caseload.
- The following qualifications are requested: willingness to learn, willingness to work hard, good with children, people person, an understanding of computers, able to handle emergency situation, work well with databases, willing to participate/volunteer in outside events, a good understanding of confidentiality, transportation, professional demeanor, calm but upbeat personality, organized and good listening skills.
- The internship described above will entail **10** hours of work/week, for **135** credit hours. Students who can devote extra hours, either on a regular or as-needed basis, can obtain a richer experience.
- We have more than one internship position to fill.