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Social Work Intern

A social work intern is needed to assist the social workers at the Mental Health Division of the Public Defender Service for D.C. This agency represents persons undergoing involuntary civil and criminal commitment to Saint Elizabeths Hospital, the District of Columbia's public mental health facility. This position is open to undergraduate, graduate and law school students. Starting date, ending date, and schedule are all flexible. Application deadlines are flexible, except for summer. The summer application deadline is March 15th.

Duties include: case management; researching and evaluating community resources for clients with special needs; locating alternative placement for clients; conducting on-site evaluations of court-ordered nursing home clients; assessing appropriateness of treatment programs; serving as an advocate to ensure clients' rights are protected; negotiating with hospital staff and community service providers to secure services and improve quality of clients' care; investigating social issues affecting clients that arise from individual cases.

To apply, send cover letter, resume, writing sample and two references to:

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