



The Family Academy is a non-profit service organization dedicated to helping families. In particular, ACAFS help reduce the damaging effects of divorce, parental loss, and other domestic trauma on children.

Many families come to the Family Academy after being referred by domestic and juvenile court Judges, attorneys, physicians, mental health professionals and clergy.

Internship for ACAFS- The Family Academy

The Academy for Child Advocacy and Family Support (ACAFS) is accepting senior level psychology/family studies students who are interested in pursuing a graduate degree in psychology, social work, or marriage and family therapy as interns.

ACAFS offers a unique internship experience, which allows students to work directly with clients and receive on-going trainings from a clinical psychologist and the administrative director.

An internship is an excellent way to gain experience in the field of psychology to supplement your academic classes. It is also a good way to work with professionals in the field of psychology and obtain a letter of recommendation for graduate school. Past interns have been accepted to Clinical & Counseling Psychology PhD and PsyD programs, MSW programs, MFT programs and Law School.

BENEFITS:

- Flexible hours: Most hours are in the evenings and weekends. 6-8 hours per week.
- Direct interactions with families through supervised visitation, third-party exchanges, and parent time coordination
- Regular staff meetings to include on-going trainings as well as case management with the administrative director and clinical director
- Develop mediation and interviewing skills
- Work with attorneys and become familiar with legal proceedings and terms
- Letters of Recommendation from Clinical Director for interns who complete an 8 month commitment
- Paid Stipend



Intern Responsibilities: ACAFS works with families of divorce and blended families. The intern's job is threefold: to facilitate third party exchanges of children between divorced parents, to supervise non-custodial parents visiting their children, and to interview children about their interactions with their parents.

Supervised Visitation: Supervised Visitation is parent time during which a third party is responsible for observing and ensuring the safety of the child(ren). Most parents are court ordered to have supervised visitation while protective orders, abuse allegations, or other concerns are being resolved and during litigation. Supervised visitation provides an opportunity for children and the visiting parent to continue their relationship when it might not otherwise be possible. Your direct observation and input are necessary in providing information to professionals.

Third-party Exchanges: Third-party exchange service provides families the opportunity to exchange their child(ren) without coming in contact with the other parent, minimizing the conflict between parents and providing for a neutral safe environment for all parties involved. Because of your direct contact with the children and parents, you will gain skills in interviewing and mediating between the parents.

Commitment:

- 6-8 hours per week
- 8 month commitment
- Varying work hours: generally between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays, and some Sundays from 5:30-8:00 p.m

Fluent Spanish language skills and proficient ASL skills are a plus, but not required.

Stipend: A paid stipend will be awarded upon completion of the ACAFS internship requirements. Students will need to complete 6 - 8 hours per week or approximately 25-32 hours per month.

****ACAFS accepts interns year round.****

Interested students should email their résumés to utahfamilyacademy@gmail.com or fax their résumés to (801) 377-5050. ACAFS is located at 811 North University Ave in a large gray/purple brick home on the NW corner of 800 North and University Ave. Parking and entrance are in the rear of the building.