Boulder Housing Partners

Website:  https://www.boulderhousing.org/

Organization Address: 4800 N Broadway, Boulder CO 80304

Position Title:  Resident Services Education Programs Intern

Desired Start Date and End Date:  Late May or Early June to mid-late August

Organization Description:

Boulder Housing Partners is the housing authority for the City of Boulder. BHP’s mission is to provide quality, affordable housing, inspire vibrant communities, and create the opportunity for change in people’s lives. We envision a diverse, inclusive and sustainable Boulder as a result of our efforts. BHP Resident Services invests in focused service and educational programming to improve the economic futures of children in BHP. We partner with resident families and organizations to provide comprehensive educational and support programs as a means of minimizing barriers to learning and preparing BHP youth for success. We seek to close the opportunity gap by providing supportive educational programming from birth through career.

Position Description:

The PIIE intern will work closely with the Resident Services Family Site staff and community partners to support onsite educational programming for children, youth, and families at eight BHP housing sites. Responsibilities include working collaboratively with partners such as the Boulder Valley School District, the City of Boulder Youth Services Initiative, the “I Have a Dream” Foundation of Boulder County, and early education service providers. The intern will support the Summer Shuffle, now in its fifth year, by working with Boulder Valley School District teachers, BHP staff, and parents and preschool and elementary school children to provide a fun and enriching summer literacy program. The intern will be responsible for supporting the expansion of this program by reaching out to parents and children to promote the program, coordinating transportation and program schedules, implementing program design, supporting daily activities and evaluating program
effectiveness. This opportunity provides a chance to learn about program development, collaborative partnerships, community engagement, and the challenges facing economically disadvantaged families living in subsidized housing.

In addition, the intern will be responsible for researching innovative and successful practices between housing authorities, school districts, and community partners throughout the United States. The intern will be encouraged to create and implement a day-long literacy program by the end of their internship. This will be an opportunity for the intern to showcase what they have learned throughout their summer experience, supporting the Summer Shuffle program and collaborating with community partners. This research and mini showcase project will support our efforts to implement successful school/housing partnerships to close the achievement and opportunity gaps among Latino youth in Boulder. Additional responsibilities will be defined based on the intern’s passions, skills, and interests and their alignment with our goal to improve educational outcomes for children and support families. Hours should average 30-40 per week: flexible.

Qualifications:

Students in education, human services, psychology, or community development and sustainability will find many opportunities to apply the classroom concepts in unique and reality-based situations. Interns with a passion for learning about social justice issues, including housing, immigration, and education will find ample opportunities to explore these issues. Spanish a plus, but not required.

The ideal candidate has strong interpersonal skills, takes initiative, is a team player, and is interested in supporting students’ educational achievement. Spanish speaking/writing skills strongly desired.

This position involves traveling from different housing sites and offices. We strongly recommend that the candidate have a reliable mode of transportation, such as a vehicle or a bike.