Direct Support Professional

Website:  http://www.friendsofbroomfield.org/

Organization Address:  11851 Saulsbury Street, Broomfield, CO 80020 (just off Rt. 36)

Position Title:  Direct Support Intern

Desired Start Date and End Date:  Flexible

Organization Description:

FRIENDS of Broomfield is one of Colorado’s premier nonprofits; offering day program, supported employment and residential services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Individuals attend FRIENDS’ day program Monday to Friday; enjoying recreational and social activities that have been planned based on their interests and abilities. The professionals working at FRIENDS receive highly specialized training and work as a team; supporting the people in the program with a sense of fun, enthusiasm, and respect.

Position Description:

The Direct Support Intern will become a member of the FRIENDS professional team and will be supervised by the Director of the Day Program and mentored by the Deputy Director and the direct support professionals who work with the adult participants in the program. The intern will receive specialized training in best practices for supporting adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities based on person-centered philosophy and engage in daily activities that reinforce the philosophy’s core values. Interns are required to dress for an activity-filled day – wearing closed-toed shoes and appropriate casual attire. The day begins at 8:00am and concludes at 4:30pm (1/2 hour for lunch). The days can vary depending on the intern’s schedule, but the hours must equate to a full workday. The intern will be paired with a seasoned staff member and will assist in creating and implementing meaningful activities that address the person-centered interests of the participants. Other opportunities for professional growth can be included depending on the intern’s interests and career goals.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact the PIIE Program Director, Dylan Mark, at 303-492-3707 or dylan.mark@colorado.edu
Qualifications:

FRIENDS’ staff are passionate about their work and they take delight in even the smallest gains that a participant makes. The ideal intern for FRIENDS believes in the potential of all people to learn and grow through a person-centered approach, particularly those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and enthusiastically promotes this value throughout their experience with us.

- General acceptance and respect for individuals with disabilities
- Willingness to engage with adults who sometimes misunderstand social boundaries and cues
- Ability to initiate activities with enthusiasm and a sense of fun
- Team player; Ability to accept the diverse opinions and skills of other team members
- Ability to work in a flexible and changing work environment
- Ability to physically sustain an active day and lift up to 50lbs.
- Must provide own transportation to and from FRIENDS of Broomfield. Use of personal vehicle during the workday is NOT required (FRIENDS provides transportation to community-based activities)

**Interns must pass a background check (Provided and paid for by FRIENDS of Broomfield)**