



Position Announcement  
Child Welfare Intern – Virtual

**Organization Overview**

The Partnership for America’s Children’s mission is to support its network of state and community child advocacy organizations in effective advocacy. The Partnership connects its members to peer expertise and national resources and facilitates interstate collaborations to deepen the level of impact of child advocacy within and across states. It fosters policy expertise, advocacy skills, and strong organizations.

The Partnership hosts the SPARC Initiative. The State Policy Advocacy and Reform Center (“SPARC”) was created in 2012 as a network of nonpartisan state child welfare advocacy organizations working to achieve reforms to prevent child abuse and neglect and to connect all children with safe and permanent homes. The SPARC network includes multi-issue child advocacy organizations, legal advocates, and organizations focused on children and parents involved with child welfare systems. SPARC connects its members to peer expertise and national resources and facilitates interstate collaborations to deepen the level of impact of child advocacy within and across states.

**Internship Description**

The Partnership for America’s Children is seeking a child welfare intern to support the SPARC network. The intern would: provide policy support to the Senior Child Welfare Policy Manager; provide research when necessary for SPARC’s four workgroups, focused on race equity, prevention, transition support for older youth in care and aging out of care and legal representation for children and families involved with the child welfare system; research and share resources among SPARC members; participate in SPARC monthly meetings, as well as national meetings focused on a wide variety of child welfare issues; and draft a memo on a discrete area of research to support future SPARC member advocacy.

**Specific Duties and Responsibilities**

The Child Welfare Intern will assist with or be responsible for:

- Reviewing and analyzing research on best practices in child welfare and preparing memos to summarize the research for the SPARC members.
- Participating in SPARC and other national child welfare meetings.
- Supporting preparation for a fall child welfare conference.

**Required Qualifications, Skills, and Experience**

The successful candidate will:

- Currently be pursuing a graduate degree in social work, public policy, public administration, social policy, or a related field, or pursuing an undergraduate degree with experience in public policy development and analysis.
- Possess strong analytical, research, and writing skills
- Work well autonomously and as a member of team.
- Have a basic understanding of child welfare systems and other governmental structures.

**Purpose of Internship**

- To provide interns with work experience by contributing to one or more of SPARC's areas of work.
- To expose interns to learning opportunities regarding systems reform, public policy, and community change.
- To support interns in applying skills learned from college and graduate school to policy and practice work.

**General Information**

- All application materials submitted by May 6, 2022 will be considered.
- The position will remain open until filled.
- The position will receive \$20/hour as a stipend for the summer.
- The position will be remote, will last 8 to 10 weeks, and can be offered full or part-time.

**Diversity and Inclusion Statement**

The Partnership is firmly committed to a policy against discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, parental status, pregnancy, socioeconomic background, or any other classification protected by applicable law.

The Partnership is building a team that reflects the diversity of families and children within this nation. We strived to be an inclusive workplace dedicated to centering equity and justice in our work. Candidates who are committed to an anti-racist and anti-oppression approach to policy and advocacy are encouraged to apply.

**How to Apply**

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to [nlizanna@foramericaschildren.org](mailto:nlizanna@foramericaschildren.org) (subject Child Welfare Intern).