Maryland Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
Intern Description

**Category One - MPH Capstone Project**

*Obesity Prevention in Primary Care Settings*

This grant is an NIH Research grant and the proposal is due November 2004. We will focus on childhood obesity prevention in preschoolers and develop a universal toolkit for families as the intervention.

**Category Two – Internships**

We need our intern to do the following tasks:

- Research children’s advocacy issues and current legislation.
- Keep updates on legislative activities while legislators are in session.
- Post legislative updates on our website.
- Assist with fundraising activities.
- Assist with grant applications.
- Assist with management of grant deliverables.
- At times will be asked to help with other general office duties including (MDAAP newsletter, preparing for large meetings, etc.)

Qualifications we desire in an intern:

- Able to work about 10 hours/week for one term (8 weeks)
- Student will receive a stipend (to be determined).
- Enthusiastic, energetic and motivated.
- Interest in children’s health issues and advocacy for children.
- Flexible and willing to learn.
- Skillful in information technology and computers.
- Capable of traveling to Towson MDAAP office.

**Benefits of interning with MDAAP**

- Increase knowledge of a non-profit.
- Increase grant-writing skills.
- Experience with advocacy and legislative issues in relation to children’s health.
- Experience in working with a team of professionals in a small setting.
- Positive and relaxed working environment.
- Supervision provided by Executive Director.
Public Health Career Paths provided by this experience:

- Community Health
- Design and implementation of programs
- Create equitable health legislation
- Disease Prevention
- Health Communication
- Identify behavioral interventions
- Health Education
- Urban and rural health issues
- Health management/finance
- Improve access to health
- Nutrition
- Injury prevention strategies

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