Ohio Department of Youth Services

Summary of Agency

The Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) is the juvenile corrections system for the state of Ohio. DYS is statutorily mandated to confine felony offenders, ages 10 to 21, who have been adjudicated and committed by one of Ohio’s 88 county juvenile courts. During their stay with DYS, youth are engaged in programming that is designed to address their criminological and behavioral needs. Each of the DYS facilities also operates a year-round school that offers general curriculum as well as vocation opportunities.

DYS touches the lives of thousands of youth in Ohio. Beyond youth in DYS facilities and those on parole, DYS funds and supports more than 600 community programs throughout the state offering 80,000 youth (based on annual program admissions) opportunities and services to affect positive change. These range from prevention and diversion programs to residential treatment and community treatment in areas such as mental health, sex offending and substance abuse.

The mission of the Ohio Department of Youth Services is to improve Ohio's future by habilitating youth and empowering families and communities. The vision of the agency is a safer Ohio: one youth, one family and one community at a time. More information regarding the Ohio Department of Youth Services can be found here:

http://www.dys.ohio.gov/

Intern Responsibilities – ODYS Research Intern (4 Positions Fall Term)

A CJRC Internship experience at the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS), Central Office identified that any intern will get three (3) key experiences:

- Develop computer skills to be used in research, either with spreadsheets or with statistical software to track trends.
- Conduct innovative research activities to address current crime problems associated with youth and focus on law enforcement interaction with juveniles and their families (police efforts at early detection, intervention, and diversion).
- Research and determine a strategic plan for reaching at-risk youth and possible intervention or diversion strategies by focusing on diversion, detention, probation, and community-based and non-secure facilities and how they operate.
Qualifications

When reviewing potential candidates, the ODYS will consider the following:

- Written and verbal skills
- Computer skills (Word, Excel, Statistical Software)
- Knowledge of criminal justice

Although there are many areas in ODYS that could utilize ongoing assistance or research, we will try to match the interest of the intern with the current need of the agency.

A criminal history records check and Diana Screen will need to be completed before we can confirm a position. In addition, ODYS handles sensitive/confidential information and a confidential waiver will need to be signed by intern acknowledging that information obtain will have to be kept in the highest degree of confidentiality.

Location/Hours

Internship hours will be arranged between the student and the placement supervisor. This will depend upon the division in which the intern is assigned and the nature of the duties. The Ohio Department of Youth Services - Central Office is located at:

30 W. Spring St.
Columbus, OH 43215
Phone: (614) 466-4314

Application

For further information on this opportunity, please contact the CJRC Program Manager – Christopher Yanai. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to: Christopher Yanai, Program Manager (614) 688-8685, Email: Yanai.7@osu.edu

Note: This is an unpaid internship. Academic credit for Research or Internship is available.