**Research and Evaluation Intern**

The Nebraska Court Improvement Project began in 1993 when Congress passed the State Court Improvement Program (CIP) as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) which partially funded states to conduct assessments of their judicial processes in juvenile cases to develop and implement a plan for system improvement. The overall goal of Nebraska CIP is to improve Juvenile Court practice to improve outcomes for children in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. One initiative of Nebraska CIP is the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative (TEOC), 27 multidisciplinary, judge-led teams, which work to identify local system issues and develop strategic plans to improve court processing in their communities. In addition to the TEOC, Nebraska CIP acts as a change agent to encourage the best practice in the state through educational opportunities designed for judges, attorneys, HHS, probation officers and other court stakeholders. CIP also works collaboratively with local and statewide partners to identify barriers for children, youth, and families involved in the system.

**Internship**

The work done by CIP is not possible without research and evaluation. Nebraska CIP offers an unpaid internship for students interested in seeking valuable work experience in program evaluation within the Nebraska Supreme Court, Juvenile Justice System, and Child Welfare System. While CIP cannot provide compensation or housing for the summer internship, the intern have the opportunity to make meaningful contributions to CIP’s ongoing projects that may impact the judicial system. Furthermore, this internship helps prepare students to work with data in an applied setting. The selected intern will learn program evaluation methodology, survey methodology, and how to answer questions using court data. Overall, the intern will have the opportunity to enhance their academic and research skills in an applied setting, focusing on improving the court process for youths.

We are seeking motivated individuals who will commit 20 hours a week for three months from May 14th to August 10th of 2018. Their role will be to assist with data cleaning and analyses to be used in reports and presentations, data dashboard updates, and other research related activities supervised by the Research and Evaluation Specialist. The intern may work with unidentified or aggregate information to create charts and tables for stakeholders. The intern will also be involved in the court observation project which will include observing court hearings and entering data to evaluate juvenile court hearings with the goal of improving the judicial process. Additionally, the intern may be responsible for uploading surveys to Qualtrics and pulling data for evaluation as special projects arise.

**Eligibility**

In order to apply to intern at CIP, students must:

Be at least 18 years of age.

Attend an accredited educational institution, including but not limited to; college, university, or graduate school. Preference given to those with basic SPSS knowledge.

**How to become a CIP intern**

If interested, please contact Hazel Delgado via email at [hazel.delgado@nebraska.gov](mailto:hazel.delgado@nebraska.gov) with a cover letter, unofficial transcript, and attached CV or Resume including 2-3 references.