

## Resilience Internship Packet

Thank you for your interest in interning with Resilience. We are glad that you've contacted us. There are several ways in which you can join the movement to end sexual violence. The three primary internship opportunities are with our **Advocacy, Trauma Therapy\* and Education and Training** programs. *\*You must be enrolled in a Master's level program to be eligible for an internship with the Trauma Therapy Program.*

All of our interns are **required** to complete a *minimum* of 40-hours of sexual assault crisis intervention training in accordance with the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault mandates. You must also attend an agency orientation at a date to be determined. The 40-hour crisis intervention training must be completed prior to or within a month of beginning your internship. Resilience offers this training at least three times a year. The schedule is available via the links below. There is no cost for the training if you are accepted into the internship program. **Training is approximately 5 weeks long, in the evenings.** There may be other training options available on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to the information needed to apply below, please complete the training application [here](#). You can indicate your specific internship interest under the **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** portion of the application. Our website [www.ourresilience.org](http://www.ourresilience.org) also has training information and the schedule available [here](#).

Most of Resilience's internships require a minimum of one year or two academic semesters. Please be sure to read carefully to determine the time commitment of your intended internship. Resilience accepts non-academic interns by exception.

**Resilience strongly encourages applicants who are multi-cultural, multi-lingual, identify as persons of color and/or LGBTQ.**

To apply:

1. Send cover letter and resume to [swaller@ourresilience.org](mailto:swaller@ourresilience.org)
2. Your cover letter should include:
  - a. Name of school, major/program and required duration of internship, expected graduation date
  - b. Number of direct service hours vs. office hours required
  - c. Supervision requirements (i.e., seeking supervision by LCSW if required by your program)
  - d. Number of hours you can commit to each week and availability
3. Please also tell us:
  - a. What sparked your interest in an internship with Resilience?
  - b. Do you have any previous experience in rape crisis work? Please note if already 40-hour trained.
  - c. What are your future goals and interests related to rape crisis work?
4. Once submitted, wait for Intern Supervisor to connect with you regarding an interview.
5. Complete the online training application following the appropriate link above, mark your internship interest.



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**Position Title:** Legal Advocacy Intern (2 positions available)

**Reports To:** Supervisor of Advocacy Services

**Location:** Hybrid

## **ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Resilience is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the healing and empowerment of sexual assault survivors through non-judgmental crisis intervention counseling, individual and group trauma therapy, and medical and legal advocacy in the greater Chicago metropolitan area. Resilience provides public education and institutional advocacy in order to improve the treatment of sexual assault survivors and to effect positive change in policies and public attitudes toward sexual assault. Established in 1974, Resilience now serves over 2000 survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones annually through our main office in downtown Chicago, a community-based office in Austin, and several co-locations within partner organizations across the city.

## **GENERAL ROLE DESCRIPTION**

The Legal Advocacy Intern is responsible for assisting the advocacy team in providing legal advocacy to survivors of sexual violence. This may include accompaniment for survivors at all stages of the legal process, to police stations, throughout the court process, and to obtain protective orders. The Legal Advocacy Intern will provide assistance with filing for Crime Victim Compensation and referrals for other services, including alternatives to the criminal legal system, school, immigration, or work-related issues. Advocates liaise with a variety of systems to ensure survivors are treated with dignity and compassion. Additionally, the Legal Advocacy Intern will provide crisis intervention, emotional support, medical advocacy, and appropriate referrals to sexual assault survivors and their significant others through the emergency department of Resilience partner hospitals, telephone crisis calls, and walk-in requests. The Legal Advocacy Intern will also provide referrals for basic needs assistance such as for food pantries, financial assistance, and housing support.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Must be able to commit to full school year at Resilience (August 2024 through May 2025).
- Must be available to attend 60-hour volunteer training beginning July 2024.
- Maintain a minimum of 14 office hours (two office days) a week.
- Schedule a minimum of two 12-hour shifts of on-call medical advocacy per month, to provide in-person crisis intervention, emotional support, and medical/legal advocacy to survivors seen in the emergency department of our partner hospitals. On-call shifts are 7am-7pm or 7pm-7am on any day. You will be able to choose your own hospital on-call schedule.
- Assist the advocacy team in providing services for sexual assault survivors including: follow-up phone calls, accompaniment to police stations and meetings with Assistant State's Attorneys, accompaniment to civil and criminal hearings, filing for Crime Victim Compensation, assistance with Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, Title IX, and Safe Homes Act.
- Attend supervision and case consultation meetings, as well as relevant continuing education trainings.
- Attend community partner meetings to stay up to date with current laws and legal advocacy trends, and to provide members with information on Resilience's services, as needed.



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- Provide crisis intervention as well as information and referrals to survivors and community members as needed to limit gaps in care.
- Participate on internal and external committees or activism that address issues of responding to sexual or domestic violence, systems-based advocacy, trauma-informed care, racial equity, disability inclusion, and/or LGBTQ+ issues.
- Maintain an active caseload, accurate and complete records of all services delivered, and complete required monthly reports.
- Complete projects designed specifically for the internship.

## POSITION REQUIREMENTS

The Legal Advocacy Intern requires strong interpersonal skills, an ability to advocate for the needs/rights of others, and good verbal and written communication skills. Completion of the Summer 2024 60-Hour Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention training is required. Computer skills required. Bilingual (written and verbal fluency) in Spanish and English strongly preferred. Because of the nature of our funding, all staff, interns, and volunteers are required to clear a criminal background check.

Please note that this internship with Resilience's Advocacy Program is for the full school year, in addition to attending the 60-hour training in July/August 2024.

Currently, all positions within the Advocacy Program are still working from home, excluding hospital pages and legal advocacy accompaniment (by request). Pending COVID trends, Resilience may open offices in late spring/summer, and interns may be expected to be in office.

**To apply:** Email cover letter and resume to Stephanie Waller, Supervisor of Advocacy Services, at [swaller@ourresilience.org](mailto:swaller@ourresilience.org). Include Legal Advocacy Intern and your last name in the subject line. Please note that applications without cover letters will not be considered.