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Volunteer and Internship Opportunities at WCCF

Thank you for your interest in volunteering or serving as an intern @ WCCF. We do get a number of inquiries about opportunities here, although many contact WCCF thinking that we work directly with children and families, which we do not. If you are interested in working directly with children and families, there are a host of excellent programs in Madison and Dane County that I would encourage you to pursue.

Below is a brief overview of volunteer and internship opportunities, and I would ask that you review that and then re-contact us if you are still interested in pursuing something with us.

As you may be able to tell from our web-site, WCCF works on policy and advocacy initiatives directed at improving the lives of children and families throughout the State of Wisconsin. Therefore, WCCF has limited volunteer and internship opportunities and does not provide direct services to children and families. The information below provides some guidance to you related to the limited opportunities that do exist.

Volunteers

We do not use volunteers often, but the general needs are as follows:

- On-Call Support Functions: From time to time WCCF does use volunteers to help with special events, large mailings, conferences, or other fairly specific and discrete activities. If you are interested in being available to be “on call” to help with special activities like this, we can meet with you to discuss your interests.
- Graphic Design/Publication Functions: Specific skills related to publications and/or graphic design. If you have skills and interests in that area, WCCF does draft and complete a sizeable number of publications, brochures, and other presentation materials that on some occasions would benefit greatly from someone with specific publishing or design skills.

If you are interested in either of these areas, you can contact Barb Zuccarello at bzuccarello@wccf.org or by telephone (608) 284-0580, ext. 327.

Internships

WCCF has periodically used interns who are particularly interested in one of the policy areas we are working on and have an interest in learning how an advocacy organization turns research into outreach and advocacy to advance a particular policy agenda. Work in this includes conducting literature reviews and research, analyzing existing and/or proposed legislation, developing and implementing outreach strategies to potential policy-change partners, and writing policy briefs or other short advocacy articles.

If you are interested in an internship @ WCCF you will need to identify a particular policy issue that you are interested in working on from among the WCCF agenda priorities on our web-site. Additionally, you will need to work with your faculty/internship advisor to arrange a placement @ WCCF.

If you are interested in discussing the possibilities of an internship further, you should contact Jim Moeser, Deputy Director @ WCCF via e-mail at: jmoeser@wccf.org