



Public Policy Internship

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) is committed to improving the lives of individuals with AD/HD and represents individuals of all ages with AD/HD, their families, and the professionals who work with them. The intern will work under the direct supervision of CHADD's Public Policy Specialist, Cindy Smith, MS, CAS, JD. The Board of Directors approved public policy agenda for CHADD includes three broad goals:

1. Promoting scientific research on AD/HD,
2. Increasing access to effective, evidence-based, interventions, treatments and practices for diverse populations with AD/HD across the lifespan, and
3. Protecting and enhancing the civil rights of individuals with AD/HD, to ensure that all children and adolescents with AD/HD receive equal and appropriate rights, protections and opportunities in all aspects of society, including: education, employment, juvenile and criminal justice, healthcare, emergency management, community access and housing.

Job Description and Responsibilities:

1. Provide background legislative, regulatory and social science research to the public policy department on issues affecting persons with AD/HD. Assist in drafting policy position papers.
2. As assigned, assist the public policy department by attending coalition committee meetings and meetings with Congressional members and staff.
3. Write postings for the public policy website and public policy alerts which can be sent to our membership to inform them of federal legislative and regulatory changes that impact persons with AD/HD.
4. Assist the public policy department with analyzing and developing a responsive grassroots network of members and affiliates which may include targeted state work on federal policies.

Qualifications: Students pursuing graduate programs in disciplines such as law, public policy, political science, disability studies, education and related fields. Applicants with experience working on behalf of persons with disabilities preferred. Strong research, writing and computer skills, including the ability to effectively use the internet are required. Experience conducting research on Westlaw or Lexis is desirable.

To Apply: CHADD is willing to consider split summers and other options including part-time and full-time work options with a minimum of 15 hours a week for 8 weeks. Candidates with availability during June and July are preferred. This is a volunteer position. The public policy specialist is happy to assist hired interns with filling out required paperwork for course credit or required paperwork if they are able to secure outside funding such as stipends through their respective colleges or other non-profit organizations. **Applications received by March 1, 2009 will be given priority consideration.**

Send cover letter, resume, 2-3 page double-spaced writing sample and two references to Cindy Smith at CHADD, Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, 8181 Professional Place, Suite 150, Landover, MD 20785 or email to cindy_smith@chadd.org.