



## ***Apachi Day Camp: Community Care Internship – Summer 2024***

**Location:** Apachi Day Camp

**Date:** June 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup> *(dates vary based on location)*

**Time:** Monday – Friday / 8:30am-3:30pm

### **Summary:**

JCC Chicago is on the lookout for a talented Day Camp Community Care Intern who will make our campers feel like one in a million! If you are looking for a way to create exciting experiences and heartwarming memories that last a lifetime, JCC is the place for you!

Our Community Care Intern will work closely with the onsite Community Care lead and other members of the camp leadership team to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for our campers and staff. Under the guidance of the Community Care lead, the Community Care Intern will help identify children experiencing challenging emotions or behaviors and create age-appropriate interventions to support them in the camp environment. The Community Care Intern will provide ongoing resources to staff on topics that are related to child development and the social-emotional needs of children.

### **Learning Goals:**

- Enhance communication skills through communicating with adults and children by modeling good relationships with colleagues, providing feedback, and providing a safe and comfortable atmosphere for all.
- Strengthen organizational skills by conducting time management skills, promoting, and utilizing the use of organizational structures, and staying organized in day-to-day function.
- Increase clinical skills through observation of children’s challenging behaviors and hypothesizing what they are communicating with the goal of implementing age-appropriate interventions to help support their needs.
- Build therapeutic skills by leading small group discussions or modeling to address interpersonal group dynamics including bullying, conflict resolution, exclusionary behaviors, lagging play skills.

### **Key Areas of Responsibility:**

- Work with the camp director, unit heads, and community care team to set expectations for camper and counselor behavior.
- Assist with the implementation of routines, schedules, and procedures for camp activities and transitions.
- Observe and evaluate the needs of campers to help create and implement interventions to support them in the group environment.
- Keep the community care team informed of camper and counselor issues.
- Assist in documenting interactions and interventions for data collection purposes.
- Come to camp each day with a positive attitude and model for staff, children, and families engaging and professional behavior.
- Engage as an active member of the camp community.
- Other duties as assigned.

Questions?

Contact the Internship Coordinator, **Brad Spradlin** ([bspradlin@jccchicago.org](mailto:bspradlin@jccchicago.org)) or 224.406.9225

**Requirements & Essential Duties:**

Must be a current undergraduate student studying social work, psychology, early childhood, or any related field. Must have experience working in a school, camp, or social work setting and have experience working with children.

- Lift/move children up to 45 lbs.
- Demonstrate physical stamina and agility required to be mobile for long periods throughout the day.
- Move from sitting (chair and floor) to standing position easily and quickly.
- Stand for long periods of time and be able to actively engage physically with children.
- Clearly and effectively communicate in a manner that children understand.
- Supervise children, keeping them in sight and sound at all times.
- Know the difference between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors. Prevent, circumvent, and deal with problem behaviors appropriately and effectively.
- Maintain a sense of calm and perspective with physical and mental alertness during stressful times.
- Consistently demonstrate and reinforce the values of caring, respect, honesty, and responsibility.
- Ability to run up to 100 yards (in the case of an emergency).

**Compensation:** *Stipends vary based on location*

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*In partnership with JUF's Lewis Summer Intern Program, interns will participate in five professional development sessions focusing on topics like personal branding, resume building, interview skills, and networking. Interns will learn how to frame their camp skills in a professional manner.*



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