



Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS) is seeking qualified applicants for an Advocacy and Program Development Internship. TNOYS is a non-profit membership association of youth serving agencies and advocates, dedicated to enhancing the professionalism and effectiveness of community-based agencies serving youth and families in Texas. The network connects youth service staff and administrators, as well as youth and other youth advocates, on behalf of youth and their families who are in “at risk” situations. More information on TNOYS is available at www.tnoys.org.

The primary purpose of this internship is to build on, promote, and facilitate our Youth in Action program. Youth in Action is a TNOYS program that provides young people in at-risk situations with opportunities to learn about the policy-making process and discover how they can influence decision-makers. The program provides planning tools for community youth groups to discuss and prioritize issues, develop recommendations, and plan how they can advocate for changes that will benefit young people in their community. More information on the Youth in Action program is available at <http://www.tnoys.org/youth/youthinaction.php>.

Intern responsibilities may include the following, depending on the intern’s interests, experience, skills, and ideas:

- Developing curriculum materials to train youth in leadership, activism and advocacy
- Facilitating advocacy trainings for youth with the TNOYS Public Policy Coordinator
- Offering technical assistance to youth involved in advocacy and activism around the state
- Assisting TNOYS staff with grant-writing and identifying funding sources to support the program
- Managing the Youth in Action listserv – which keeps hundreds of youth engaged in the program
- Writing content for a Youth in Action e-newsletter to be distributed regularly
- Updating related resources and program content on our website and social networking sites
- Developing and carrying out other projects/activities that the intern and TNOYS staff deem appropriate for the Youth In Action program, as applicable
- Contributing to the development of the Youth in Action program overall

This internship may be appropriate for those interested and/or experienced in public policy, fundraising, communications, and/or working with disadvantaged youth. It is an excellent opportunity to play a leadership role at a nonprofit organization and oversee all aspects of a program’s development. This internship is unpaid. Students with direct experience in community activism are especially encouraged to apply. To apply for this internship, please send a resume and cover letter to Christine Gendron, the TNOYS Public Policy Coordinator, at cgendron@tnoys.org.