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## Health Care and Domestic Violence Graduate Internship Program National Health Initiative on Domestic Violence

The Health Care and Domestic Violence Graduate Internship Program is open to medical, nursing, public health, social work, psychology, health care administration, or other health care related graduate students (includes law, media, policy, or business students with a health care focus). The internship allows a student to spend up to 12 months interning with Futures Without Violence and working on the National Health Initiative.

### What is the National Health Initiative?

The National Health Initiative works to improve health care's response to victims of domestic violence (DV) through provider training, public education, and public policy. The initiative houses several major programs including:

- **The National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence** serves as the U.S. DHHS national resource for providers and advocates interested in improving health care's response to DV.
- **Reproductive Health Campaign** educating reproductive health providers across the country on how to integrate violence identification/prevention into their clinical work.
- **Project Connect:** Authorized by the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 and funded by the Office on Women's Health with support from the Administration for Children and Families, *Project Connect: A Coordinated Public Health Initiative to Prevent Violence against Women* is a national initiative to change how adolescent health, reproductive health, and home visiting programs respond to sexual and domestic violence.
- **Native Health Initiative** engages Indian, Tribal and Urban health care facilities, and DV community advocacy programs across the U.S. on domestic violence health system change.
- **The National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence** promotes high level research and program development through a national continuing education conference co-sponsored by the most influential health and medical associations and federal agencies in the US. The 6<sup>th</sup> biennial conference will be held March 29-31, 2012 in San Francisco.

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- **Public Policy Initiatives** range from policy papers, to state and federal legislation, and advocating with health care systems on issues such as provider incentives and health response infrastructures.

The Initiative engages in various activities within the above programs to improve health care's response to domestic violence including:

- Addressing health policy issues through model legislation, white papers, and advocating with medical associations, state and federal departments of health, medical institutions, health professional schools, managed care organizations and national health care opinion leaders;
- Producing materials and web resources on a range of issues related to health care and domestic violence;
- Working with health institutions and systems to engage meaningful and effective public health education efforts around domestic violence;
- Providing person-to-person technical assistance for individuals who want to improve health care's response to domestic violence;
- Conducting training for health care providers across the country, and developing model curricula and educational conferences.

### **Why intern with the National Health Initiative?**

The Initiative is the only national resource for all health care related domestic violence issues. Its programs and materials have been disseminated to medical professionals nationally affecting the lives of countless victims of domestic violence who may never go to a shelter or police, but interact with the health care system. Interning with the Initiative gives you the opportunity to use your training and commitment to end domestic violence through health system interventions. Other benefits include the ability to participate in the structure of your internship, flexible work hours and exposure to the numerous other programs that are part of Futures Without Violence. Interns work closely with Futures Without Violence staff, but can be largely independent in the course of their work depending on the project.

### **What are the priority areas for a 2012 intern?**

The 2012 intern may do all, or some of the following projects, based on the duration of internship, intern's interest and staff priorities:

1. Co-organizing a pre-conference institute for health professional students that will be held as part of the National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence in 2012 and will include students and faculty from across the U.S.

2. Help envision and implement social networking/media for the National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence in 2012.
3. Moderate a monthly listserv "Health Students and Faculty Against Domestic Violence" reaching 250 students and faculty engaged in the issue. Moderation includes writing content, and responding to the field.
4. Organize national events on public health, nursing, social work, dental and medical school campuses nationwide as part of Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day (HCADV Day), a nationally recognized awareness-raising day that takes place annually on the second Wednesday of October. Sponsored by Futures Without Violence, HCADV Day aims to reach members of the healthcare and domestic violence communities and educate them about the critical importance of routine inquiry for domestic violence, as well as the long term health implications of domestic violence and lifetime exposure to violence. HCADV Day is an opportunity for individuals to hold events, launch programs, do media outreach, and gain further support for their domestic violence/health care efforts. (See [www.futureswithoutviolence.org/hcadvd](http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/hcadvd)).
5. Conduct public education by staffing resource tables at local, or regional health or domestic violence-related conferences or events.
6. Conduct research and provide administrative or programmatic support to health program staff as needed.

The intern will participate in weekly staff meetings; bi-monthly health team meetings and will meet with a supervisor on a weekly, or bi-monthly basis.

### **Where is Futures Without Violence located?**

Futures Without Violence is located in the Presidio National Park in San Francisco, California. Interns must work in the Bay Area so they are able to meet in person with their Futures Without Violence supervisor a minimum of twice per month. Some work may be conducted remotely, with the intern only coming in on certain days. Ongoing email communication between the intern and supervisor is key. Futures Without Violence does not provide housing for interns. The San Francisco and East Bay housing market, including sublets, is competitive so potential interns are encouraged to consider housing options before applying.

### **Is there funding available?**

Interns receive \$15/hour for up to 12 hours a week. Interns are encouraged to pursue work-study matches from their institutions, which may allow for extended hours, if desired. Hours of the internship are flexible; office hours are 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Specific costs related to the internship project are covered by Futures Without Violence.

## **Who should apply?**

The National Health Initiative encourages medical, nursing, public health, social work, psychology, health care administration, or other health related graduate students (includes law, media, policy, or business students with a health care focus) with a demonstrable commitment to and/or experience with issues related to domestic violence who can commit to a minimum of six months in San Francisco, California (with the possibility to extend the internship up to a year). We are an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Persons of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

## **How do I apply?**

Please send the following application materials to:

Anna Marjavi  
Program Manager  
Futures Without Violence  
100 Montgomery St.  
The Presidio  
San Francisco, CA 94129

### 1. Narrative (2-3 pages not including supporting documents):

- why the proposed internship and 2012 priority areas interest you;
- prior work/research/experience in the domestic violence or sexual assault arena (if research or materials have been produced, please include a copy);
- prior experience organizing events or groups noting positions of leadership;
- anything else you would like Futures Without Violence staff to know about you when considering your application.

### 2. Narrative (1-2 pages)

- a) contact information including name, address, phone and email.
- b) proposed dates of your internship (applications must be received at least one month prior to proposed dates, ideal internship duration is 12 months);
- c) what field you are studying and degree you are pursuing;
- d) how much of your program will be completed by the time of your proposed internship and expected graduation date;
- e) whether or not you will be pursuing academic credit for the internship (if yes, please include a copy of guidelines for such credit from your institution);

### 3. Copy of your resume and/or cv.

### 4. Proof of current enrollment in your institution.

5. One letter of recommendation (from a faculty member from your institution). Letters will not be shared with applicant by the Center. If you want to receive your own copy, you must negotiate with the recommending party. If included with other materials recommendations should be in sealed, signed envelopes.

**Please note:**

- Materials submitted will not be returned to applicant.
- Decisions will be made on a rolling basis and will involve a phone interview for finalists.
- Applications must be complete to be considered (letter of recommendation may come separately, but must also be received at least one month prior to proposed internship dates).
- Futures Without Violence will acknowledge receipt of application within two weeks.

If you have questions regarding this internship please email Anna Marjavi [amarjavi@futureswithoutviolence.org](mailto:amarjavi@futureswithoutviolence.org) or call her: 415-678-5502.

