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General Description of agency or business
IABH is a statewide organization established in 1967 that represents more than 50 prevention and treatment agencies, as well as individuals who are interested in the substance abuse field. This non-profit organization advocates for sound public policy that will create healthier families and safer communities. Legislators, the Governor’s office, the Department of Human Services, and other administrative leaders recognize IABA as the most effective organization in Illinois representing providers of substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. In addition, IADDA funds and oversees two state wide prevention programs; Operation Snowball (OS) a community or school-based substance prevention program curriculum, and the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute (CGTI) a statewide annual teen leadership institute. Both OS and CGTI focus on leadership skill development, community action strategies, and empowering youth to make healthy, drug and alcohol-free choices.

Internship or Job Description Program Design & Evaluation-
- Interns will become familiar with and involved in the administration of two statewide prevention programs.
-Students will gain experience with program design, program promotion, and program implementation with a target population of middle and high school students.
-Interns will gain exposure to evaluation and survey instruments and formal program evaluation.
-Interns will, depending on time of year, be exposed to the legislative process through which a statewide association advocates for policies that promote prevention treatment and recovery services. 
-Students will gain an understanding of the functioning of a state agency— Department of Human Services and its interactions with programs at a local level.

Basic student learning anticipated
Working with IABA offers a multi-layered experience, allowing interns to gain experience in working with young leaders, being an advocate in the field of youth development and substance abuse prevention, and working with agencies and volunteers across the state to plan, coordinate, and implement the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute camp. Students will gain an overall understanding of program and association work in the not-for-profit arena.

Hours per week: Up to 40
Number of weeks: 16+
Position Available: Fall, Spring, Summer
Unpaid

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