**Cleveland Rape Crisis Center**

**Graduate Intern Opportunities in Social Work and Counseling**

Our philosophy is that survivors of sexual violence are victims of a crime and therefore are not "mentally ill." They are reacting "normally" to a very abnormal situation. We use a trauma informed care model as we work with survivors so they may regain (or gain) a sense of personal power.

**What you should know about our Graduate Internships:**

* Internships must be for at least 2 semesters
* There is a required minimum number of hours per week expected of interns depending on your particular graduate program
* The staff at the CRCC works as a team, both within the Counseling Team and cross departmentally within our multidisciplinary teams.
* CRCC orientation is ***mandatory*** and ongoing during your first two months.
* LISW and LPCC clinical supervision are provided.
* Interns will provide counseling/therapy to:
  + adult survivors or rape, incest, or other forms of sexual violence
  + child, adolescent, and youth survivors of rape, incest, or other forms of sexual violence
  + significant others (family members, guardians, friends, loved ones, etc.) of survivors of sexual assault
  + survivors in support groups
* Interns will also attend counseling team meetings

**Supervision:**

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC) values its Internship Program and places a high priority on training and clinical supervision. Students of various disciplines have the opportunity to practice the skills and knowledge that they are learning in the classroom.

It is expected that the following learning objectives will be reviewed with individual supervisors and tailored to each student's needs:

1. Develop skills for working with organizations and clients.
2. Work with diverse populations and aid in addressing the problems of racism, sexism, and other forms of oppression which affect the well-being of clients.
3. Understand and use agency policies and services on behalf of clients.
4. Use and develop community resources for the benefit of clients.
5. Understand the organizational dynamics and how leadership functions within the agency.
6. Utilize knowledge of normal human behavior and development in performing assessments and interventions.
7. Understand the implication of person-environment in working with clients.
8. Critically evaluate your own practice and integrate feedback via supervision into your learning and self awareness.

**LISW clinical supervision** and **LPCC** **Counseling Supervision** will be provided for those students requiring it. Each student will have an administrative supervisor from the counseling team. Questions or problems about your internship should be discussed with your supervisor. The **Clinical Coordinator** is also available during your internship experience to discuss questions, problems, or general information regarding your internship.

**Topics to discuss:**

Cultural competency

Progress towards goals

Quality of service provision

Self-care

Professional development needs

Caseload management

Documentation completion

Ethical decision-making

Boundaries