

Welcome to the Johnson County Evening Reporting Center (ERC) Internship. Students who enter the internship will be given an opportunity to work closely with Court Services staff in Johnson County.

Internships can be for a single semester, an entire school year or during the summer months. The ERC runs 12 months out of the year. Students will be able to work directly with ERC youth assisting with the daily program. Activities will include both administrative tasks related to the program and opportunities to work directly with youth involved in the court system and families of the youth.

We have openings for up to 5 interns at any given time. The ERC program ceiling is 12 clients. Our intern to student ratio allows interns an ability to work one on one with clients and develop relationships with the clients and their families.

Interns will be asked to assist with administrative tasks which will also allow them to be in contact with agencies and individuals from the Johnson County area who assist with programming for the ERC. Interns will be able to assist in teaching cognitive programming to the youth of the ERC and lead open discussions. Finally, each intern will have an opportunity to provide direct feedback to each of the ERC youth, allowing our interns to affirm positive behavioral changes made during the program.

Finally, interns will connect with community agencies outside of the court system. The ERC is a community based collaborative. Interns will work with community volunteers, county agencies and social service agencies in a collaborative environment.



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or to apply contact:

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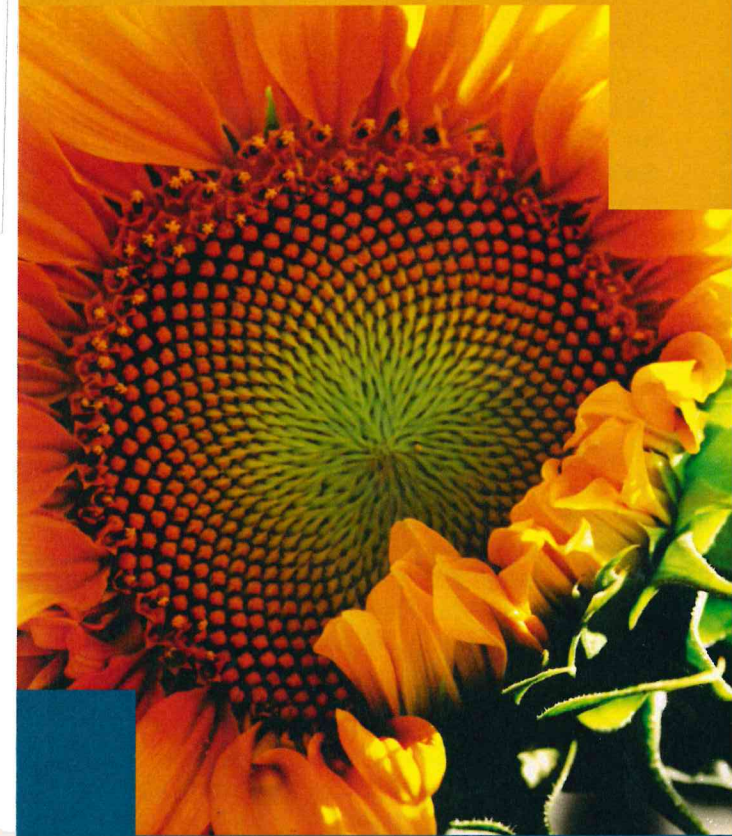
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**Providing the  
right environment for  
growth and learning in a  
hands on setting.**



**Supervised Internships  
with Johnson County's  
Evening Reporting Center**



## Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

In 1992, the Annie E. Casey foundation established the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). JDAI core strategies are to reduce unnecessary and inappropriate secure detention, reduce costs, increase system fairness, and improve the juvenile justice system without compromising public safety.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation officially accepted the State of Kansas as a JDAI site in 2011. There are five counties in Kansas that are participating in this initiative: Johnson, Sedgwick, Wyandotte, Douglas, and Shawnee. Together, these five sites account for nearly 75% of all local detention beds in Kansas.

Johnson County has formed a JDAI Collaborative Planning Group. This group has examined local data and learned that a substantial portion of our local detention population is comprised of youth who are in technical violation of their probation.

### The Evening Reporting Center:

Evening Reporting Centers (ERC) are effectively being utilized in other JDAI sites across the nation as a means of offering structured, supervised activities during high-risk time periods.

Johnson County has developed a local ERC for youth who are in violation of probation and/or House Arrest and are at risk of being placed in the Juvenile Detention Center. Our local ERC is open from 3:30-8:30 PM, Tuesday-Friday. We provide supervision and programming for at-risk, adjudicated youth. Programming includes, but is not limited to, physical activity, educational assistance, employment skills, social skills, substance abuse services, healthy relationships, and cognitive interventions. Dinner is provided nightly.



Looking for a resume builder in the criminal justice field that will put you in front of the next applicant? An internship and experience could easily do this for you, but when people think of internships they usually think of getting stuck behind a desk filing, organizing, and doing busy work. Well, the Evening Reporting Program is a hands on internship that sticks you right in the field of juvenile delinquency. The E.R.C. is an alternative for the Juvenile Detention Center for delinquent minors. This new alternative program is turning heads and is the latest in keeping kids out of lock up. As an intern you can lead discussions, learn new ways to help and talk with the kids, get your first step in the field of criminal justice, make networks with others in the field, and last but definitely not least see the live's of these young adults change! It is such a great resume builder and helps create a business network amongst yourself. "When I first got my internship I did it for the experience and to have something else to add on my resume, but after I started I saw myself getting involved in these kid's lives and really started caring about them which is something I didn't expect to happen."

Jake  
Kansas State University  
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## Hear what our past interns have to say about the ERC:

An internship at the Evening Reporting Center the with Court Services of Johnson County is an experience that leaves you feeling truly involved and rewarded. E.R.C. is an alternative to being locked up for juveniles, which can make a huge impact on the lives of the individuals who experience the program. E.R.C. is a chance for the juveniles to open their eyes and see where they truly are in life, along with the resources the program offers to them to learn the most about themselves and their circumstance. As an intern you actually get to help this whole process along by engaging with the juveniles first hand, monitoring their behavior, and leading discussions. E.R.C. is a learning experience for all, staff and the juveniles, in which you could not ask for more from an internship but to truly learn about how the system works and about the people involved within. Even more, to work as an E.R.C. intern and be a part of the system allows you to decide where you want your place to be in it and where you can actually make a difference.

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Photo by Cody, an ERC youth.  
Title: Never goin' Back  
One ERC Class project is taking pictures that each student can use to remind themselves of what they want their future to be. Cody took this picture as a reminder that in his future he would not have to return to the courthouse because of poor decisions he had made.