



APPALACHIAN CHILDREN COALITION

Behavioral Health Internship Program

Background:

What is Behavioral Health?

Behavioral health is a broad branch of healthcare specifically focused on social, emotional, and mental well-being. This professional field often includes working with individuals who struggle with mental illness, behavioral problems, or unhealthy lifestyle habits. Behavioral health encompasses many areas of need and various professions with many career pathways and opportunities.

Why Behavioral Health?

Choosing a career in Mental and Behavioral Health allows you to positively impact individuals' lives and the overall health and well-being of communities. The Appalachian Ohio region needs behavioral health professionals to ensure that children and families have access to the care and support they need in school, at home, and in their communities. Behavioral Health professionals working in Appalachia Ohio can address the current challenges facing children and families in the region.

Purpose:

The Appalachian Children's Coalition (ACC) works to increase the behavioral health workforce in Appalachia Ohio and to improve the quality of life for our region's kids. Through education, collaboration, and innovation, we work to drive interest in mental and behavioral health careers. The ACC also works to improve the recruitment and

retention of professionals and paraprofessionals. Our services are available to mental and behavioral health providers, healthcare organizations, schools, and agencies to address their workforce needs.

Funding Model:

The ACC will secure internship site placements for each student based on their behavioral health career interests. Each student intern is required to complete 121 hours at the internship site on duties assigned by their site supervisor. Students must also complete 9 hours of the ACC IMPACCT coaching program (which consists of 12 individual sessions and 3 cohort sessions). The total number of hours for the experience will be 130 in total. Upon successful completion, the ACC will offer \$1,500 paid directly to the student intern.

Requirements:

To qualify for the incentive program, candidates must:

- Be recommended by a school counselor, advisor, or community organization
- Be a high school junior or senior or an active college student
- Plan to pursue a career in a behavioral health field
- Commit to and participate in the ACC Coaching program
- Complete internship placement requirements with an ACC partner

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