



## Erin's House Internship Description

Erin's House for Grieving Children provides support to children, teens, and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one. We offer peer support-based programming that serves our community's grieving youth in a variety of settings including onsite programming, school programming, camp opportunities, and outreach programming. In addition to providing direct support services to children, teens, and their families, we advocate for our mission by offering community-based trainings and crisis response support.

Our strength-based model recognizes grief as a natural and healthy reaction to a loss. At Erin's House we believe that each individual has the natural capacity to heal oneself and the support and resources we provide cultivates an environment of safety and inclusion where children, teens, and their families can begin their journey of healing.

Due to the unique nature of the work at Erin's House, it is important that prospective internship applicants understand the full scope of requirements and the commitment involved prior to offer acceptance of this internship position.

### Internship Requirements (Requirements based per academic semester):

- Participation facilitating in the following program opportunities (*Can be altered due to changes in current needs at Erin's House; and may occur after semester has concluded*)
  - Minimum of 1 **Healing Journey** group (10 consecutive week program)
  - Minimum of 2 **Connecting Hope** groups (4 week, bi-weekly program)
  - Minimum of 2 **Classroom Companions** school-based groups (6 consecutive week program)
- Start Date in Fall (mid-late August)/Spring (beginning January)
- Participation in bi-weekly internship check-in meetings with program staff
- Interns are responsible for logging and tracking their own hours
- Flexibility during school holidays/vacations is necessary to meet the needs of our children and families: this includes groups, meetings, and any other special events or activities



- Flexibility in role responsibilities- must be willing to do some housekeeping and clerical work in addition to direct client time, as Erin's House is a place where everyone pitches in to get the job done
- Participation in special projects as assigned
- Participation in at least one special event or opportunity to represent Erin's House in the community (may occur on a weekend)
- Can participate in our Erin's House Facilitator Training on Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 9:00am-5:00pm and Wednesday, August 23, 2023 from 5:30-8:30pm
- Can participate in Intern Training Day on Friday, August 25, 2023 from 9:00-11:00am
- Follow all requirements outlined in the Erin's House Volunteer/Intern Handbook

#### Our Commitment to Trainees:

- Scheduled collaborative supervision and support meetings
- Experience working with most/all age groups throughout the semester
- Experience facilitating onsite, school, or outreach groups
- In-house trainings on grief, trauma, and other mental health related topics
- Commitment towards self-care for all staff/interns
- Allotted 24 hours of sick leave (pending notification requirements met)

Learn more and apply at [erinshouse.org/internship-program](https://erinshouse.org/internship-program)

Have other questions or concerns?

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