

Mission / Vision Statement

Crisis Nursery creates an "Island of Safety" dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing 24-hour emergency care for children and support to strengthen families in crisis.

Internships

Safe Children and Strong Families Internship Program

Crisis Nursery serves as a placement site for those needing to complete internships and practicums. Interns work in our Safe Children and Strong Families programs, helping us provide care for children, conduct home visits, facilitate parent-child interaction groups and support groups, and teach parent-education classes. Interns may also work with our administrative staff, assisting with fundraising and special events, grant writing, and program outreach. Specific duties assigned vary based on intern skills and academic requirements.

Interns are typically expected to commit to at least 15 hours a week.

If you are interested in applying for an internship or practicum, please send a resume and cover letter to our Strong Families Program Director Katie Adams at katie@crisisnursery.net by the appropriate application deadline.

For Fall Internships (August – December), please apply by March 1st.

For Spring Internships (January – May), please apply by November 1st.

For Summer Internships (May – August), please apply by March 1st.

For questions, call Katie at 217-337-2731

Volunteer Projects

Safe Children Program Volunteer

Work directly with childcare staff and children, providing emotional and physical support while creating a safe environment for children to express their feelings and emotions

Strong Families Program Volunteer

Work with our Family Specialists during Parent Child interaction groups or support groups.

House Volunteer

Support the nursery by maintaining a sanitary and organized environment. Keeping our facility clean and organized helps us to use our resources more efficiently and maintain a healthy environment for children we serve. Groups are encouraged to contact Jill Duden at jduden@crisisnursery.net for large one-time house projects.

Administrative Volunteer

Work alongside the Administrative Staff and Safe Children's program staff to assist in bulk mailings, filing, follow-up calls, and data entry.

Garden Volunteer

Work with University of Illinois Master Gardeners to keep our gardens watered and beautiful. Tasks include weeding, watering, and mulching the gardens.

Maintenance Volunteer

Work on an on-call basis to fix minor in-house issues.

Special Events Volunteer

Assist during fundraising events through the year. Help with events such as the annual Dinner & Auction, Children's Holiday Shop, and football concessions.

To get involved, volunteers should submit a volunteer application and complete required paperwork as necessary. After submitting your application, you will receive an email with more information about volunteering and paperwork that needs to be completed before scheduling an orientation. Contact Jill Duden, Safe Children Program Director, at 217-337-2731 or jduden@crisisnursery.net, with any questions or if you would like to discuss your volunteer interests.

Attend a Crisis Nursery orientation. At orientation you will meet with Jill to turn in your paperwork, tour the Nursery and learn more about our program, watch a volunteer training video, and complete paperwork to authorize a background check through DCFS (a requirement of all volunteers).

At orientation, you will receive directions on how to get fingerprinted free-of-charge for the background check. This must be completed before scheduling your first volunteer shift. Once fingerprinted, contact Jill to set up your volunteer shift. Fingerprint receipt must be submitted to Crisis Nursery before volunteering begins.

Turn in all paperwork within one month of your first volunteer shift (this includes a TB test, physical and references).

Contact Us

To contact Crisis Nursery, visit or call their office.
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