



Palm Beach County
Youth Services Department
Residential Treatment and Family Counseling Division

Stipend, Benefits, and Resources

The Youth Services Department has been a training facility for doctoral and master's degree students for over fifteen years. The Department supports internship accreditation by the American Psychological Association in an effort to continue improving the quality of training for graduate students and the quality and quantity of services provided to clients. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has authorized the Department to budget funds for the stipend of four interns.

Following the APPIC Match and before the start of the internship, Youth Services Department interns must complete a Level 2 background check with fingerprints (paid for by the county) and submit proof of liability insurance (purchased at the intern's expense) with the signed contract. Once cleared, interns are considered Independent Contractors with Palm Beach County.

The internship annual stipend is \$25,160, paid biweekly (payable at \$12.58 per hour). This stipend covers 50 weeks out of the year, with 2 weeks (80 hours) reserved for unpaid leave time (holiday/vacation/sick). There are 12 government holidays when county offices are closed; these hours must be made up by interns working additional hours or using his/her unpaid leave time (holiday/vacation/sick), in order to receive the full stipend. Professional development leave to attend conferences or presentations may be granted. Typical work week shifts are 10 hours long with a 30 minute lunch break, Monday through Thursday, with occasional variance in schedule for other activities. A one-time health insurance stipend of \$500 is paid to the intern after 6 months in the program.

Interns with the Youth Services Department have access to numerous resources. Interns are provided access to current testing materials and manuals, computerized scoring programs, as well as therapy toys/games and testing tools/books. Interns may also access full-text books and journals through the Youth Services Department's subscription to the American Psychological Association's PsychNET Gold Database. Additional materials that may be needed can be purchased with county funds with approval from the Training Director. Additionally, each intern has access to an office with a desktop computer, phone, and voicemail. Interns may utilize office printers, scanners, and fax machines, as well as administrative and technical support. Interns are provided with their own email address and computer account. Clerical support is available to assist with scheduling.