



Maine Immigrant & Refugee Services

About Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services

Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services (MEIRS) educates, assists, and empowers immigrant and refugee youth and their families toward a goal of social and economic self-sufficiency and mental, emotional and physical wellbeing. MEIRS promotes a pathway toward citizenship and community engagement, creating opportunities for inclusion and meaningful participation for immigrants and refugees.

MEIRS chief concern is the successful integration, self-sufficiency, and stability of the immigrant and refugee population of Maine. MEIRS believes in immigrant and refugee community self-help and the provision of linguistically and culturally appropriate services. It was created and is led by members of the community it serves. Most staff members are bi- or multi-lingual and come from within the immigrant and refugee community.

Internship with stipend

Maine Immigrant & Refugee Services has a unique internship pairing qualified individuals with children and families through in-home services. This internship opportunity provides direct work experience with children, ages ranging from toddler to young adult, who have behavioral challenges that impact their ability to function within the home, academic and community setting. Children receiving these services have cognitive and behavioral diagnoses ranging from autism, ADD/ADHD, and developmental delays to depression, reactive attachment and oppositional defiant disorder.

The blended RCS28/HCT BHP Internship Position combines Mainecare's Section 28 Rehabilitative and Community Services (RCS) and Section 65 Children's Home and Community Based Treatment (HCT) into a paid internship opportunity for current psychology and social work students looking to gain experience in the field. Qualified candidates will undergo Behavioral Health Professional (BHP) Certification Training and will work directly with children to help them build daily living, social, communication and safety skills. This work is overseen by a licensed clinician who provides direct therapeutic intervention and guidance to children and their families using evidenced based practices and interventions specifically rooted in Motivational Interviewing and MATCH.



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Direct services hours will be spent in the child's home and within the community. Interns will receive formal weekly supervision and ongoing clinical direction and support as needed. Interns will gain skills in completing and maintaining documentation and implementation of treatment and crisis planning. Interns will have the opportunity to collaborate with other providers serving the clients they work with, gaining an understanding of the value and importance of continuity of care. Interns will be instructed in and then apply direct intervention strategies and be encouraged to bring classroom learning into practice under the supervision and guidance of their supervisor. For final year masters level students interns will also have the opportunity to provide outpatient clinical services to children and adults.

Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services provides services to all in need and interns can anticipate serving individuals across cultural and religious backgrounds and may need to utilize interpretation services to communicate with some clients. Training and support from staff and supervisors will be provided initially and on an ongoing basis in this area to support interns. In collaboration with a state funded grant this internship also offers the opportunity to become a fully trained BHP and MHRTC.

Special requirements

- Need to be comfortable working with clients in the home and community independently.
- Need to be comfortable transporting clients in your own car.
- Need to complete all staff training required for BHP positions in order to receive stipend.
- Submit to and pass background checks.

Please direct any questions regarding this internship position to:

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