



## **Internship: Social Work/Programming Intern**

The mission of the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin (DSAW) is to support families and individuals with Down syndrome through education, information, programs, services, and the exchange of ideas and experiences. For more information, please visit [www.dsaw.org](http://www.dsaw.org).

### Position:

Social Work/Programming Intern

### Description:

DSAW seeks a caring, passionate, and independent intern to assist social work/programming efforts. This internship is an excellent opportunity to gain experience working with individuals with Down syndrome and other disabilities, and run and plan programs, all while working for a well-known nonprofit organization.

### Responsibilities:

- Help run weekly and monthly programs at our West Allis office. Programs include motor groups, speech groups, music groups, cooking classes, daily living classes, employment preparedness workshops, member socials, recreation opportunities, and more.
- Help brainstorm and plan for new programs and services, and debrief current programs and services with DSAW Staff.
- Work with Self-Advocates with Down Syndrome during their weekly office experiences.
- Assist in meeting with families and walking them through DSAW resources and outside resources specific to their current situation.
- Assist with preparation for member events and other special events, such as the Golf Outing and Down Syndrome Awareness Walk.

### Qualifications

- Currently working towards a degree in a related field (Social Work, Case Management, Psychology, Sociology, Recreational specialist, therapy, etc). Some college experience is preferred, but we will also consider high school juniors and seniors.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, as demonstrated in personal work
- Ability to listen and empathize with families and individuals with disabilities
- Patience and love for working with all kinds of people

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- Previous experience in social work or programming is a plus, but not required
- Previous experience with individuals with Down syndrome or other disabilities is a plus, but not required
- Must be available to work some evening/weekend hours.
- Must be computer literate (Microsoft Office, Google Drive).
- Ability to work well independently with little supervision, but also work well within a team
- Commitment to DSAW's mission

#### Hours

Negotiable; 10-20 hours per week preferred. Must be available for evening and weekend programming at our West Allis office.

#### Start Date

Position open until filled; 3-6 month commitment

#### Compensation

This is an unpaid internship

#### To apply

Please send cover letter and resume to [executivedirector@dsaw.org](mailto:executivedirector@dsaw.org)