

ECDC African Community Center Summer Internship Program Announcement

The Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) was established in 1983 as a non-profit, community-based organization to resettle refugees, promote cultural, educational, and socio-economic development in the refugee and immigrant community in the United States. While organized to respond to the needs of a growing Ethiopian community in the Washington area, from its inception ECDC has been serving refugees and immigrants from diverse cultural backgrounds maintaining a focus on African refugees and immigrants. ECDC's branch office, the African Community Center (ACC), is an Arlington-based community organization serving the African newcomers community residing in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

The Social Services Resource intern will assist the ACC in developing and implementing social service resources and support services for African newcomers and immigrants in Arlington County, Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church, and the City of Alexandria. Additionally, the intern will be exposed to issues and concerns of African refugees and immigrants; and community development initiatives. The intern will have the opportunity to do outreach, administrative assistance, and gain experience in direct social services.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Help African newcomer and immigrant parents understand their rights, roles and responsibilities in the education of their children.
- Engage African newcomer families to enrich their experience as a family in the U.S.
- Develop and implement creative ways to engage employers in hiring African newcomers and ways to help African newcomers obtain and maintain jobs.

Qualifications

- Must currently be an enrolled undergraduates, returning to full-time school in Fall 2010.
- Excellent research, communication, and writing skills.
- Self-starter and flexible worker.
- Second language not required by desired (French, Somali, Amharic, Arabic, or other).

Additional Details of Position

- \$2,750 stipend paid bi-weekly
- Internship starts June 15, 2010 and ends August 15, 2010

To apply: email resume to Frances Connell at frances.connell@ecdciinternational.org with "Social Services Resource Intern" on the subject line. Please include a cover letter detailing your experience, interests, and what you hope to accomplish with the internship. Also, indicate how learned about the internship.
