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## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Internship Opportunities are available for students seeking Associate, Bachelor, and Law degrees. Although experiences vary, CLRP will try to match your skills with program needs to benefit both parties.

### Law Students

Law students are generally assigned legal research and writing on a topic related to civil rights issues experienced by CLRP's clients. Past assignments include research memos after analyzing statutes (State and federal), synthesizing relevant cases and drawing a conclusion. Topics have included involuntary medication, constitutionality of providers to require a conservator as criteria for acceptance, restraints, patient cell phone use on hospital units, etc. Students may also interview clients, observe/participate in the treatment milieu, search and review records, and assist with hands-on client outreach in community or hospital settings in order to learn about issues affecting persons with psychiatric disabilities

### Bachelor Degree Students

Students studying paralegal studies, psychology, human services, pre-law, and advocacy will find rewarding hands-on contact while learning about the civil rights and self-determination of persons with psychiatric disabilities. Interns will work with mentoring staff to explore and discuss issues such as advance directives, medication, due process, discrimination in employment, education and housing, equal access to services, Connecticut's Probate Court system, recovery and treatment, discharge planning and care in the least restrictive setting. Interns may routinely interview clients, observe/participate in the treatment milieu, search and review records, and assist with client outreach in community or hospital settings.

Students studying graphic arts or communications are also welcome to apply for internships. Interns will update or create publications, create videos, help prepare and distribute legislative testimony, strengthen branding, participate in website development, promote the agency through social media and expand their understanding of issues and laws affecting persons with psychiatric disabilities.

### Associate Degree Students

Student Interns are exposed to the world of advocacy by shadowing personnel, learning about personal advocacy styles and working on an assigned project related to client self-determination. Interns assist with outreach in the hospitals and community settings, meet with clients (under supervision) to conduct interviews and intakes to learn about the issues faced by CLRP's clients. Interns may serve as witnesses for the executions of advance directives, increase awareness of the agency to the community, and provide updated referral information for internal staff and clients.