

Job Title	Legal Intern
Employer/ Agency	The Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights
Job Description	<p>The Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights invites applications for the position of Legal Intern to be based in Houston, Texas. The Legal Intern will be a Child Advocate-appointed pursuant to the Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, draft Best Interest Recommendations, and attend/observe stakeholder meeting. The Legal Intern position is a unique opportunity for a current 2L student or recent graduate to engage in written and oral advocacy on behalf of unaccompanied immigrant children in removal proceedings. The Legal Intern will work directly with detained children.</p> <p>The 2015 Summer Internship will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The position must come with its own pay—i.e., the law school or another organization must supply the funding for the position. The Young Center cannot supplement or cover benefits. • There must be a full hiring process, including interview and reference checking. <p>Duties and Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft best interest briefs for submission to stakeholders (immigration judges, asylum officers, attorneys, and federal agencies) applying federal, state, and international law. • Serve as Child Advocate. The Legal Intern must be at least 21 years old to serve as a Child Advocate. As part of this work, the intern will be expected to travel to facilities in the Houston area to meet with the assigned child once a week for the duration of the internship. • Accompany children and their Child Advocates to Immigration Court, asylum office, and state, juvenile, and family court. • The intern must work a minimum of 10 weeks.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position for one 2L or recent graduate. • Bilingual in Spanish, including the ability to speak with children in Spanish and to communicate over the telephone in Spanish with children, family members, and others. • A strong academic background, ideally in humanities/literature/creative writing, and excellent writing skills. • Strong organizational skills. • Ability to take initiative and also to work collaboratively. • Passion, tenacity and optimism for the issues affecting immigrant children and their families.
Salary/Hours	Unpaid, full time 40 hours a week
Employer/Agency	Kristin Zipple-Shedd, the Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights.

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Application Method	Review of candidates will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Please email a cover letter, resume, three references and a writing sample to jobs@TheYoungCenter.org and include the title "Houston Legal Intern" in the subject line. To learn more about the Young Center's work, please visit www.TheYoungCenter.org .
Opening Date	June 5, 2015

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