

Lowndes County Department of Family and Children Services

Child Protective Services

- Investigates reports of child abuse and neglect
- Provides services to strengthen the family
- Protects children and ensures their safety



Internship Activities

- Accompany social workers on visits to homes, schools, etc.
- Attend Family Team Meetings and staff meetings
- Attend court
- Make collateral contacts
- Create files, organize paperwork, file paperwork and files



* This internship would be good for someone who is truly passionate about helping children and can handle exposure to abuse and neglect. It would be great for someone who does not want to sit in an office all day and who can deal with a lot of paperwork. Someone who is organized, detailed, empathic, strong, passionate, and hardworking would have a great experience as an intern at Lowndes County DFCS.* *If you do not like being away from an office and are not a "people" person, then this internship is not for you. If you are not organized, empathic, do not want to deal with the legal system, and deal with other people's problems, please don't apply.*

Positives

- * Lots of traveling
- * Meet a lot of children and families
- * See the way other people live
- * Work with wonderful people
- * Realization that this job helps abused/neglected children and underprivileged families



Negatives

- * Endless amount of paperwork to be organized and filed
- * Exposure to children who are abused and neglected
- * Not all families are happy that DFCS is involved in their lives