



Kent School Services Network

## **Community School Intern**

Internship Availability: Fall-Spring 2023-2024

### Position Summary:

The Community School Intern will work alongside an experienced Community School Coordinator, implementing, integrating, aligning, and coordinating the community school strategy through relationship building and connecting community partnerships to the school. Together, Intern and Coordinator will work directly with students and families to understand and identify needs and barriers that may impact education. This may include, but is not limited to, creating attendance interventions, identifying barriers to basic needs, completing referrals to local organizations, working directly with community partners, and supporting and promoting community and family engagement.

Interns will work closely with their Coordinators to create and review Intern learning contracts. This will provide ongoing feedback regarding Intern progress in attaining competency in assigned professional practice and behaviors. Supervision of the internship may be completed in a group setting as well as 1:1, to facilitate idea sharing and collaborative learning. Interns will be provided an authentic learning experience, including access to KSSN's Google Workspace and data systems, invitations to staff celebrations, and inclusion in professional development opportunities to further their understanding of the community school model and ways in which Coordinators can support and empower students and families, not just in their individual schools, but also as part of a broader network.

This Internship involves working in one of several KSSN partner schools (elementary, middle, or high school) in the Kent County area. Determination of exact placement will be made by KSSN after the interview process is complete.

### About Kent School Services Network:

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and community resources. Using public schools as hubs, a community school offers a range of supports and opportunities for children, youth, families, and communities. Click [here](#) to watch a brief video on the community school model.

Kent School Services Network (KSSN) currently implements the community school strategy in 45 schools in 9 districts in Kent County. Placing community school coordinators, site team clinicians, and DHHS Success Coaches in schools, KSSN integrates the various health and community supports into one, seamless system delivered through existing school-based facilities and system partnerships.

Requirements:

- Must be seeking a Bachelor's or Master's in Social Work or equivalent field of study
- Possess reliable, Wi-fi ready laptop
- Able to pass background check, as required by assigned school and KSSN
- Reliable transportation to required internship locations

Skills and Abilities:

- Strong service and support orientation towards schools and school communities
- Ability to be flexible in order to adapt during new and shifting priorities with a solutions-focused approach to learning and problem solving
- Demonstrates the ability to take initiative on various projects and tasks to achieve program goals
- Experience working with children, youth, and families is preferred
- Possess excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to speak additional languages a plus

Schedule:

- 12-20 hours/week
- Generally during the normal school day

Reports To:

KSSN Community School Coordinator, with additional supervision by MSW credentialed staff.

Format:

In Person at the assigned school. May require occasional light travel for school or KSSN events.