



Andrea DeGrave (Social Work, Junior) Child Protective Services Intern Erie County Child Protective Services

I recently received an internship with Erie County Child Protective Services to be completed in my senior year. This internship position also includes a scholarship which will pay my tuition and book costs next year. Also, after I graduate from Fredonia with a Bachelor's in Social Work, I will sign a 2 year contract to work full time for Erie County Child Protective Services. It is a wonderful opportunity and I'm very excited to begin!

My advice for fellow students is to always be aware of your opportunities to build your resume and gain experience. If you are looking for a job, try to find one in the field of your major, or that related to a job you hope to have in the future. Be willing to take a job or internship that pays less than another, or maybe that does not pay at all. It will pay off in the long run.

Student should take advantage of the Career Development Office (CDO) services we have. It is always helpful to get outside opinions and advice, especially from people who specialize in career development. Everyone I have worked with at the CDO was very friendly and supportive. It is a great atmosphere to learn about how to better your future and achieve your goals.