

McNeese Family Science Internship Partner Agencies 2016-2022

Child Advocacy

<u>AVEC Les Enfants (Acadiana Visitation & Exchange Center)</u> Lafayette, Louisiana Conducted intake interviews, supervised court ordered visitations, provided instruction and guidance for parents in healthy interactions	<u>Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center</u> Baton Rouge, Louisiana Assisted with intake procedures, prepared and distributed Heart Boxes to client children, coordinated supportive activities and engagement for clients during wait times	<u>Dept. of Children and Family Services-Calcasieu (Investigation)</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Assisted with investigations of child abuse or neglect, provided support services for investigators	<u>Dept. of Children and Family Services-Jeff Davis (Foster Care)</u> Jennings, Louisiana Assisted with placement process for children entering foster care, facilitated educational activities for parents and families
<u>Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)</u> Conducted investigations for child's best interest, recruited volunteers, increased community awareness about child domestic violence and about the work of CASA as a voice for child survivors <u>El Paso</u> <u>Laforche Parish</u> <u>South Louisiana (SOLA)</u> <u>Family & Youth Counseling Agency, Calcasieu Parish</u> <u>Volunteers for Youth Justice, Caddo/Bossier Parishes</u>			

Disability Resource

<u>Divine Case Management</u> (Early Steps ECI) Shreveport, Louisiana Intake and follow-up case management procedures for early childhood intervention clients; educated parents of children with disabilities about available resources	<u>Families Helping Families of Acadiana</u> Lafayette, Louisiana Coordinated educational and social events for individuals with disabilities and their families; advocated for individuals with disabilities to local government	<u>Families Helping Families of Southwest Louisiana</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Coordinated volunteer appreciation initiative; conducted follow-up calls for client families; provided administrative support to affiliate staff	<u>Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast & Louisiana</u> Baton Rouge, Louisiana Developed procedure manual for new tax incentive donation program. Created promotional materials, trained staff and volunteers on how new program supports MAW mission
<u>Share Care USA</u> (Early Steps ECI) Lafayette, Louisiana Intake and follow-up case management procedures for early childhood intervention clients; educated parents of children with disabilities about available resources	<u>Southwest Louisiana Independence Center (SLIC)</u> Lafayette, Louisiana Intake and follow-up case management procedures for individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities; educated clients about healthy living and available resources	<u>Sprouts Behavior Management</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Educated parents of children with disabilities about healthy interactions, child growth, and development; informed of available community resources	

Domestic Violence

<u>Faith House of Acadiana</u> Lafayette, Louisiana Facilitated survivor support group session; provided supervised directed childcare while female survivors received mental health counseling; participated in community awareness campaigns	<u>Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence</u> Baton Rouge, Louisiana Contributed to the development of a statewide domestic violence policy agenda and increased stakeholder advocacy	<u>St. Landry-Evangeline Sexual Assault Center</u> Opelousas, Louisiana Trained as sexual assault advocate; provided supervised support for survivors of domestic abuse; participated in community awareness campaigns
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Family Quality Time

Children's Charter School of Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Developed afterschool family strengthening program for parents; coordinated with multiple community agencies to provide education regarding nurturing positive family time routines

Children's Museum of Lake Charles

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Supported agency goals through leadership in annual fundraising/community awareness events; developed comprehensive social media plan including website design and maintenance

Food Insecurity

Second Harvest South Louisiana

Lafayette, Louisiana

Facilitated new outreach program to educate mothers receiving food stamps about healthy nutrition and the impact on child growth and development; raised community awareness about food insecurity

Your Father's Kitchen,

Wilmington, Ohio

Program development and implementation, volunteer recruitment and supervision, client engagement, community donation collection and organization, delivered elder care meals during COVID-19

Head Start

Assist the Family Advocate with intake and follow-up with enrolled families; facilitate educational and social activities to encourage positive family interactions; educate about community resources; organize healthy family community events

- [Brenda Hunter Head Start, Lake Charles](#)
- [Church Point Head Start, Church Point](#)
- [Head Start of Cameron Parish, Grand Lake](#)
- [Head Start of Cameron Parish, Hackberry](#)
- [Head Start of St. Martinville](#)
- [J. D. Clifton Head Start, Lake Charles](#)
- [Kennedy Head Start, Lake Charles](#)
- [Vernon Parish Head Start, Leesville](#)

Housing and Homelessness

Acadiana Regional Coalition on Homelessness & Housing

Lafayette, Louisiana

Conducted interviews and provided resources to agency clients; engaged community organizations in efforts to increase access to affordable housing

Catholic Charities Hawai'i – Housing Assistance & Referral Program

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Intake, needs assessments, and follow-up case management procedures; secured resources for homeless veterans; raised awareness and advocated for needs of hmls veterans

Catholic Social Services of Alaska, Brother Francis Shelter

Anchorage, Alaska

Intake, needs assessments and follow-up case management procedures; recruited and trained volunteers for medical respite hmls shelter; increased community awareness

Finally Family Homes

Los Angeles, California

Developed protocols, curriculum, and recruitment initiatives for the new Host Homes program. Connected stable housing and mentorship provided by volunteer Host families with former foster care youth who have aged out of care without a viable support system

Human Rights

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Lake Charles, Louisiana

Engaged in community response to human trafficking; facilitated campus-community event with panel of experts to increase awareness of human trafficking

Juvenile Justice

<u>Office of Juvenile Justice - Calcasieu Parish</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana <i>Intake and follow-up case management procedures for youth going through the adjudication process; support work of probation officers; nurture positive family relationships</i>	<u>Office of Juvenile Justice Services - Calcasieu Parish</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana <i>Intake and follow-up case management procedures for adjudicated youth; facilitated youth activities; support long term action plans @ Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC)</i>
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Mental Health

<u>East Beauregard Elementary</u> Ragley, Louisiana <i>Developed afterschool self-esteem strengthening program for 4th grade girls; coordinated with multiple community agencies to provide mentorship and educations to all participants</i>	<u>J. I. Watson Elementary</u> Iowa, Louisiana <i>Developed in-school self-esteem strengthening program for students; coordinated with community agencies to provide information and resources to program participants</i>	<u>Kay Dore' Counseling Center: QPR Suicide Prevention Program</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana <i>Trained and facilitated QPR (Question Persuade Refer) Suicide Prevention sessions for community and students; developed community mental health resource tool</i>	<u>National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) of Southwest Louisiana</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana <i>Leadership in annual fundraising/community awareness events; developed comprehensive social media plan, led website redesign, developed youth outreach program</i>
<u>O'Brien House</u> Baton Rouge, Louisiana <i>Facilitated support group sessions; served as peer advisor; aided in enforcing facility rules</i>		<u>Volunteers of America of Southwest Louisiana</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana <i>Assisted with intake and follow-up case management procedures for adults with mental illness; educated clients about activities for daily living and available resources</i>	

Parenting Education

<u>Buckner Children & Fam Services, Family Pathways Program</u> Houston, Texas <i>Connect with single-parent families through this post-traumatic recovery program. Educate parents on topics to promote educational and vocational attainment. Organize and facilitate parent-child group activities to promote healthy interactions.</i>	<u>Educational and Treatment Council</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana <i>Assisted with intake and follow-up case management procedures for families experiencing poverty and with DCFS action plans; educate families about healthy interactions and positive family time activities</i>	<u>The Family Tree Healthy Start Program</u> Lafayette, Louisiana <i>Educate families about healthy interactions and positive family time activities focusing on child development of young children and first-time parenting</i>
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Personal Resource Development / Poverty

<u>Care Help of Sulphur</u> Sulphur, Louisiana Recruited volunteers for community clothes distribution; organized school supply drive and distribution; raised awareness of poverty issues in the community	<u>Doris & Clara Community Initiative (DCCI)</u> Jennings, Louisiana Facilitated financial literacy program for youth and adults in community	<u>Literacy Council SWLA</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Facilitated one-on-one tutoring sessions for low income women seeking the GED; developed volunteer recruitment materials.	<u>Sulphur Christian Community Coalition</u> Sulphur, Louisiana Coordinated volunteers for school supply drive and distribution; raised awareness of poverty issues in the community
<u>United Way Acadiana</u> Lafayette, Louisiana Intake, needs assessments and follow-up case management procedures; recruited volunteers for CASA; increased community awareness of agency services		<u>United Way SWLA</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Prepared tax returns for low income and senior clients through VITA; raised awareness about issues of poverty in the community; created resources to increase community awareness about VITA	

Pregnancy & Adoption

<u>New Life Crisis Pregnancy Center</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Intake & follow-up procedures for women experiencing unplanned pregnancy; support educational initiative; educate clients about community resources to provide support while carrying to term	<u>St. Elizabeth Foundation</u> Baton Rouge, Louisiana Increased public awareness of the adoption process in Louisiana through informational resource development, public engagement events, and implementation of a strategic social media campaign	<u>Volunteers of America of Southwest Louisiana</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Assisted with intake and follow-up case management procedures for birth mothers and adoptive families; educated clients about adoption services and available resources; raised community awareness
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School Engagement

<u>Castleman Creek Elem</u> Waco, Texas Developed parent resources regarding Zones of Regulation for the school's behavior coaching program. Designed resources and created social media campaign to promote parent engagement	<u>DeWanna's Closet</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Facilitated school supply acquisition and distribution to children experiencing poverty. Served as School Liaison for five schools. Conducted needs assessments with teachers and developed social media campaign to respond to those needs	<u>Eight Million Stories</u> Houston, Texas Developed a comprehensive recruitment initiative to connect resource-limited youth with specialized educational and employment opportunities in the Greater Third Ward of Houston	<u>Fairview Elementary</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Developed mentoring initiative for Spanish-speaking students and their parents; supported faculty and staff through translation services; provided direct support for ESL students with intense need for specialized support
<u>Impact Lake Charles (AmeriCorps)</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Facilitated in-school educational sessions regarding reading and college readiness; supported work of community partner organizations; raised awareness of volunteering in the community		<u>Vermilion Parish School Board Child Welfare</u> Abbeville, Louisiana Conducted needs assessments; developed procedures for addressing identified needs for at-risk students; partnered with community agencies to secure services for students; developed community resource guide	

Senior Care

<u>Brookdale/ Memory Care Program</u> Shreveport, Louisiana Coordinated monthly family education events on topics related to aging, grief, and coping; recruited volunteers; facilitated resident activities	<u>Dignity Funeral Home</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Trained in family grief support; developed support initiative for grieving families; raised awareness of death and dying issues at organized community events	<u>Evangeline Parish Council on Aging</u> Ville Platte, Louisiana Assisted with case management procedures for agency clients; completed needs assessments to determine agency service priorities; raised awareness of aging services community	<u>Harbor Hospice - Lake Charles</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Facilitated activities for hospice patients; organized educational sessions for families to learn about coping; raised awareness of death and dying issues in the community
<u>Harbor Hospice - Humble</u> Humble, Texas Assisted case workers and chaplains during home visits; organized community resource information for patients and staff; raised awareness of death and dying issues at organized community events		<u>Lafayette Parish Council on Aging</u> Lafayette, Louisiana Intake, needs assessments, and follow-up case management procedures; developed organizational system for tracking client needs with service provision; raised awareness in the community	

Youth Development

<u>American Red Cross – Louisiana Region</u> Baton Rouge, Louisiana Developed and facilitated virtual educational programs (Pillowcase Project and Pedro Penguin) to prepare nationwide youth for natural disasters.	<u>Baton Rouge Youth Coalition</u> Baton Rouge, Louisiana Facilitated strategic marketing plan for first gen college prep prog; developed mentor/protégé program; raised awareness	<u>Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Baton Rouge</u> Baton Rouge, Louisiana Mentored enrolled students; facilitated special interest educational activities; facilitated community awareness activities	<u>Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana-Cheniere Club</u> Lake Charles, Louisiana Mentored enrolled students; facilitated special interest educational activities; facilitated community awareness activities
<u>Camp Fire National Headquarters</u> Kansas City, Missouri Contributed to the rebranding and national promotion of the Absolutely Incredible Kid Day initiative (#AIKD) on March 18th through which adults are invited to write letters of encouragement to the children in their lives.	<u>Clearport Learning Center</u> Baton Rouge, Louisiana Facilitated mentorship program for low income students; recruited tutors; raised awareness of experiences w/poverty	<u>Hope for Opelousas</u> Opelousas, Louisiana Facilitated mentorship program for low income students; recruited tutors; raised awareness of career and educational opportunities for marginalized students	<u>Son of a Saint</u> New Orleans, Louisiana Developed a sports-based mentorship initiative for young men between 12-21; raised awareness of importance of male mentorship