



Public Policy Internship

About OAESV

The Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence serves as Ohio's federally-designated sexual violence coalition. State sexual assault coalitions are the main training and technical assistance providers for rape crisis centers on best practices in programming and administration, and they advocate on behalf of rape crisis centers and the survivors they serve in public policy advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. State coalitions also lead statewide public awareness efforts and support local rape crisis centers in engaging with diverse communities, survivors, and service providers in their service areas. At OAESV, we provide many services, including: training for advocates and preventionists, technical assistance for local programs, systems advocacy, public policy work, and much more.

About Internship

Under the guidance of the Director of Public Policy & Communications, this internship position will work directly with the public policy team on projects that impact OAESV and its member rape crisis organizations and survivors of sexual assault. The projects that this team facilitates are often fast-paced and vary in subject and scale. This internship provides first-hand experience with the work done by professionals in the public policy and government affairs fields.

This position will focus on policy analysis, communications, development of written policy resources, event development, and other written and/or visual materials. This Spring internship position will commence on January 12, 2026 and run through early May 2026, and will require an estimated 15 hours of work per week. This position can be remote, with the option of in-person work in Columbus.

Interns will have the opportunity to request an extension of their internship upon the conclusion of the initial Spring 2026 period.

Responsibilities

- Providing the policy team with analysis and relevant facts regarding sexual assault policy issues
- Drafting factsheets and other policy/communications resources
- Supporting event planning for OAESV's 2026 Advocacy Day event
- Supporting with training development and survivor-led initiatives projects

Qualifications

- Current undergraduate, graduate, or professional student
- Strong writing, research, analytical and organizational skills
- Demonstrated interest in and/or experience with the issue of sexual violence or other forms of power-based violence
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Programs, (Excel and Word) and in Canva
- Excellent communication skills, written and verbal

Benefits

- Paid internship via a stipend
- Networking and mentorship by a professional in the field
- Build a digital portfolio of products for your resume or future job applications
- Access to training that OAESV offers for advocates and professionals
- Access to OAESV membership: oaesv.org/membership

Interested candidates should email OAESV's Director of Public Policy & Communications at egemar@oaesv.org and attach a resume and a writing sample that demonstrates their ability to research and analyze an issue.

We are an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran, or disability status.